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Merry Christmas from Archie and the Gang!

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"YULE BE SORRY!"

BRRR! WHAT A WINTER!! I FEEL AS COMFORTABLE AS AN ESKIMO FAN DANCER!

THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS THE SEASON!

I COULD BE A GOOD DEAL MERRIER WITHOUT THE FROSTBITE!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WITH RONNIE AND HER FOLKS IN HAWAII?

OH BOY!

IF I HAD MR. LODGE'S MONEY I'D NEVER SEE ANOTHER WINTER!

WHEN YOU'VE SEEN AS MANY WINTERS AS MR. LODGE, MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE HIS MONEY!

WHAT A WAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS!

HULA DANCERS, UKELELES AND A NICE HOT SUN!

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...AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PEACE...

(SIGH!) IT'S LOVELY HERE, DADDY, BUT SOMEHOW IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM MUCH LIKE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

VERONICA, FOR TWENTY YEARS I'VE DREAMED OF SPENDING A CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII!

YES!. I KNOW!

THIS IS THE FIRST WINTER OF MY LIFE THAT I'VE BEEN WARM!

BACK HOME THERE'S SNOW AND SLEET AND FREEZING WEATHER!

HA,HA! I'LL BET ARCHIE IS ABOUT AS COMFORTABLE AS AN ESKIMO FAN DANCER!

(SIGH!) AND I'D GIVE A FORTUNE TO TRADE PLACES WITH HIM RIGHT NOW!

DADDY! DO YOU MEAN IT? FOR HEAVENS SAKE! LET'S GO!

WE CAN BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

PACK YOUR BAGS! GET YOUR MOTHER! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!!

EGAD! A REAL, OLD FASHIONED WHITE CHRISTMAS! YIPPEEE!!

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH....

EEYOWEEE! YIPPEE! LOOK! LOOK! A CABLEGRAM!!

RONNIE AND HER FOLKS ARE COMING HOME!

THEY'RE LEAVING HAWAII FOR THIS?

THEY'LL ARRIVE CHRISTMAS EVE! THEY WANT US TO DO THEIR DECORATING FOR THEM!

WOW! I'LL BET MR. LODGE IS FURIOUS!

AND HOW!

RONNIE AND HER MOTHER PROBABLY GOT HOMESICK!

ESPECIALLY WITH CHRISTMAS COMING!

WELL I'LL BET MR. LODGE WONT HAVE MUCH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

BY GOSH THIS WILL BE THE BEST CHRISTMAS HE EVER SPENT!

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO? MAKE IT HOT FOR HIM?

WHY YES, I DID GET INSTRUCTIONS TO LET YOU DECORATE, BUT...

OKAY! THEN STEP ASIDE! C'MON, KIDS!

T-THIS IS A CHRISTMAS TREE?

FOR MR. LODGE IT IS!

WE'LL SKIP THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS! WE HAVE A BOOK OF HAWAIIAN RECIPES!

WE'LL GET IN FISH AND POI AND BREADFRUIT, AND COCONUTS!

SOMEBODY TUNE THE UKELELES WHILE I GET OUT THE COSTUMES!

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHAT MR. LODGE HAD IN MIND?

FOR TWENTY YEARS HE WANTED TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII!

WHEN HE WALKS IN THAT DOOR HE'LL THINK HE NEVER LEFT THE ISLANDS!

ALOHA!

HAWAII!

CHRISTMAS EVE...

EGAD! HOME AT LAST! ISN'T THIS INVIGORATING?

A REAL WHITE CHRISTMAS!

AH! THAT CRISP WINTER AIR! THE SNOW! THE TREE DECORATED INSIDE!

THIS IS CHRISTMAS AS IT SHOULD BE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! EVERY....

....B-BODY!

ALOHA! SIR!

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, RING IN HA-WA-II! OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE THE SURF AT WAI-KI-KI!

MISTER LODGE SURE LOOKS FUNNY WITH THAT PURPLE SUN-TAN!

YEAH! WHAT'S WITH YOUR POP, RONNIE? HE'S ACTING VERY STRANGE

HE'S NOT ACTING! YOU BETTER GET OUT OF HERE, FAST!

CHEE! MILLIONAIRES SURE ARE ECCENTRIC PEOPLE!

YEAH! HE COULDA FED US BEFORE HE KICKED US OUT!

MAYBE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE COCONUTS?

I DUNNO... BUT HE SURE WENT OFF HIS COCONUT!

END

LI'L JINX

"HOT AND COLD!"

Archie ™ "A JOB FOR JINGLES"

(YAWN) - WHAT YOU ARE, BUDDY, IS A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION!

TSK, TSK!

TALK LIKE THAT LEADS TO A STOCKING FULL OF COAL, PAL!

MAYBE SOME FOOD WILL CLEAR MY HEAD!

GREAT! I'M STARVED!

LONG WALK FROM THE NORTH POLE, EH?

PANCAKES, ARCHIE?

FINE, MOM!

SEE? I KNEW YOU WEREN'T REALLY THERE!

MOM DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE YOU!

BOY! ARE YOU DUMB! BROWNIES CAN'T BE SEEN BY ADULTS!

PARDON MY IGNORANCE! AND PASS THE SYRUP!

NOPE! I CAN SEE THE **FOOD** DIDN'T HELP! YOU'RE STILL HERE!

HOW ELSE CAN I MAKE A REPORT ON YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS?

HEY! WHO'S YOUR ITTY BITTY BUDDY?

Y-YOU **SEE** HIM?

WHY SHOULDN'T WE? HE'S RIGHT THERE!

WHO'S RIGHT THERE?

HIS NAME IS JINGLES! I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A HAPPY HALLUCINATION!

WHO? WHO?

CLOSE IT, POP! YOU SOUND LIKE AN OWL!

ADULTS CAN'T SEE HIM!

WELL, WHAT'LL YOU HAVE, RUNT?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

I'LL HELP MYSELF!

SHAP!

POP

EEP - AN ATOMIC SPECIAL!

WHO MADE THAT?

"JINGLES!"

I DON'T SEE ANY JINGLES! - I DON'T HEAR ANY JINGLES!

GULP! B-BUT SOMETHING IS EATING IT!

(GROAN) THAT'S PRETTY RICH AFTER A DIET OF REINDEER MILK!

YOU'D BETTER WALK IT OFF!

WALK? NAH! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO EXERCISE!

EEYIPE! W-WHAT WAS THAT?

ZOOM!

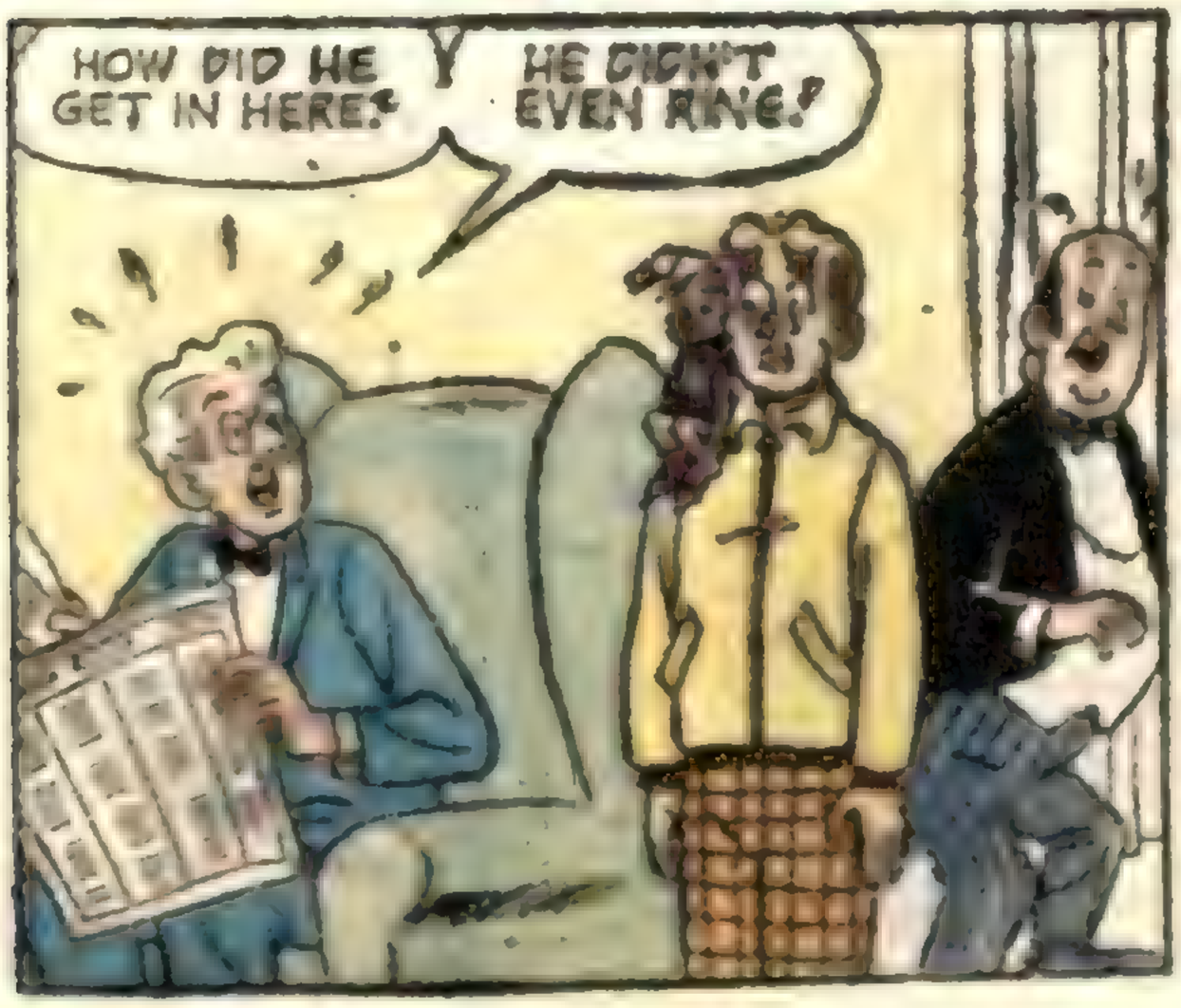
TSK-POP IS SURE SHOOK UP!
FUF

WE'LL SEE YOU LATER!
SO LONG, JINGLES!
GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU!

I WANT YOU TO MEET MY GIRL, VERONICA!

LOVE TO, ARCHIE!

POW


HOW DID HE GET IN HERE?
HE DIDN'T EVEN RING!

HE DIDN'T EVEN OPEN THE DOOR, SIR!

WELL, IT'S THE YULETIDE SEASON! AND IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE!

-SO GIVE HIM THE OLD HEAVE HO, SMITHERS!

FOR ME, SIR! AND CHRISTMAS STILL A WEEK AWAY?

A-ONE, AND A-TWO, AND A....

SNAP!

...T-THREE?

YOU'RE LOSING YOUR TOUCH, OLD MAN!

H-HE MUST BE STUDYING JUDO!

STRANGE THINGS ARE GOING ON HERE, SMITHERS!

I SUGGEST WE KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!

ALL RIGHT, ARCHIE! YOU MAY STAY!

BUT IF YOU STAY, YOU WORK!

W-WORK?

BRING IN THE TREE, SET IT UP AND DECORATE IT!

ULP! T-THAT'LL TAKE ALL AFTERNOON!

NOT WHEN YOU KNOW THE RIGHT PEOPLE!

SNAP!

-AND DON'T BREAK ANY... EEEEEEEEE...

DADDY! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK ILL!

P-POSSIBLY B-BECAUSE I AM ILL!

WHY, ARCHIEKINS! WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

THIS IS JINGLES! ONE OF MR. C'S BROWNIES!

WOO-WOO! SOMETIMES I LOVE MY WORK!

WHY, HE'S CUTE!

SHUCKS!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS?

A TRIP TO THE MOON ON GOSSAMER WINGS?

ARCHIE!-WE'VE GOT TO SHOW HIM TO BETTY!

IT'S DONE!

SNAP!

P-PACK MY BAG, SMITHERS! I'M GOING ON A TRIP!

M-MAY I JOIN YOU, SIR?

POP

SAY! WHERE DID YOU THREE COME FROM?

...OR SHOULD I SAY, TWO AND A HALF?

(SIGH) - TO THINK THAT I HAVE TO LEAVE ALL THIS!

-BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY REPORT TO THE MAN!

I'D LIKE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE REST OF THE GANG!

TAKE US ALL TO MY HOUSE!

IT'S A SNAP!

SWAP!

FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW, FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW!

SNIFF!

JINGLES, BEFORE YOU GO, HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY!

I'M SURE YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN TO SIZE WITH NO TROUBLE!

Y-YOU'RE ALL HEART, ARCHIE!

SNAP!

(SNIFF)-PERFECT FIT! PERFECT GIFT!

YOU'LL ALL BE LISTED WITH THE GOOD ONES!

D-DO YOU THINK HE WAS REALLY HERE?

IF HE WASN'T, IT WAS AN AWFULLY NICE DREAM!

ZOOM!

HAH! DID YOU CATS EVER HAVE AN ATOMIC SPECIAL? DID YOU EVER OWN A KEEN SET OF THREADS LIKE THIS? MAN! YOU HAVEN'T LIVED!

(SIGH)- I LOSE MORE GOOD BROWNIES THAT WAY!

GOOD

QUIZZLES

LI'L JINX LIKES TO "MAKE" NEW FRIENDS! CONNECT THE NUMBERED DOTS TO FIND OUT A NEW FRIEND SHE JUST "MADE"? HURRY BEFORE HE DISAPPEARS!

HOW MANY OBJECTS CAN YOU FIND IN THE WORD CHRISTMAS-

FOR EXAMPLE— M I S S

1. A YOUNG LADY
2. HEAVENLY BODY
3. PART OF SHIP
4. IT GOES WITH EGGS
5. A MAP
6. HEAVY FOG-DEW
7. A SCOT'S CAP
8. A MALE SHEEP
9. PLASTER ON BROKEN LEG
10. A RUG

ANS. 2 STAR 3. MAST 4. HAM 5. CHART 6. MIST 7. TAM 8. RAM 9. CAST 10. MAT

UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING TO FIND OUT SOME OF THE THINGS LI'L JINX FOUND UNDER HER CHRISTMAS TREE!

1. CLIBYEC
2. SYORNAC
3. DORCERS
4. TRASEWE
5. ELDS

ANS. 1. BICYCLE 2. CRAYONS 3. RECORDS 4. SWEATERS 5. SLED

Betty and Veronica

IN "WHICH IS WITCH"

IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE! BETTY TRACED HER ANCESTRY BACK TO SALEM!

SO?

DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

IT MEANS SOMETHING?

-WHY SHE MIGHT VERY WELL BE DESCENDED FROM A LONG LINE OF WITCHES!

OH! -THAT SALEM!

ER-Y-YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY TRUTH IN IT, DO YOU?

SILLY!

YOU KNOW WITCHES ARE IMAGINARY!

I DON'T KNOW!

I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST OL' BETS TO CONJURE UP A SPELL OR TWO!

NOT A CHANCE!

YOU CAN'T MAKE A GOOD WITCHES' BREW WITHOUT BATS' WINGS, AND I WON'T LET HER HAVE ANY!

HEH! HEH!

CACKLE

HEE! HEE!

MMPH! WITCHES! -YOK, YOK!

THERE'S BETTY'S HOUSE! I WONDER IF...

...EEYAK!

D-D-D-UH-DUH-DUH--
S-SHE..D-UH....WHA....

SNAP!

OH, DARN THAT SHADE!

WHEW!

WHY, ARCHIE! HOW NICE!

COME IN BEFORE YOU CATCH COLD!

I'LL BREW UP SOMETHING TO WARM YOU UP!

B-BREW?

-OR PERHAPS YOU PREFER SODA! WHICH?

W-W-W-WITCH?

YES! HOT CHOCOLATE OR COLD SODA?

OH! -ER- C-CHOCOLATE!

CHEE! I NEVER SAW YOU SO NERVOUS!

W-WHO, M-ME?

WITCH MAKES YOU SAY THAT... I MEAN, ...WHAT MAKES YOU SAY WITCH, ...ER-AH- WHO'S NERVOUS?

W-WHY I'M AS CUKE AS A CALMCUMBER! S-SEE...

WHOOPS!

(SIGH) - RELAX! I'LL CLEAN IT UP!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'M GETTING MYSELF ALL UPSET!

THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS WITCHES! I KNOW THAT!

WHEW! THIS CLOSET IS A MESS

SNRK! N-NOW I REALLY LOOK THE PART!

HEY ARCHIE! WANT TO GO FOR A RIDE?

?

ARCH! (UGH!) - UP, BOY! I WAS ONLY KIDDING!

EEYOWTCH! M-MY BACK!

G-GOLLY! I WAS T-TOO HEAVY FOR YOU!

ER-N-NO! IT WASN'T YOU, ARCHIE!

B-BUT YOU'D BETTER GO NOW!

-I FEEL SO STUPID, TAKING THAT WITCH TALK SERIOUSLY!

OOH! THAT HURTS!

OKAY! OKAY! I LET HIM GO!

N-NOW PLEASE LET UP!

HEE, HEE, HEE! ALL RIGHT, DEARIE! BUT HERE'S ONE FOR THE ROAD!

ARCHIE AND THE GANG VOLUNTEERED TO GIVE ME A HAND THIS YEAR AND ACT AS SANTA CLAUSES!

CAN YOU PICK THEM OUT DESPITE THEIR DISGUISES?

COOL YULE QUIZ

GIVE GENEROUSLY

TELEPHONE

...NOW LET ME TELL YOU WHAT MARY SAID....

GIVE

D-UH, SEEMS LIKE I FORGOT PART OF MY DISGUISE!

GIVE

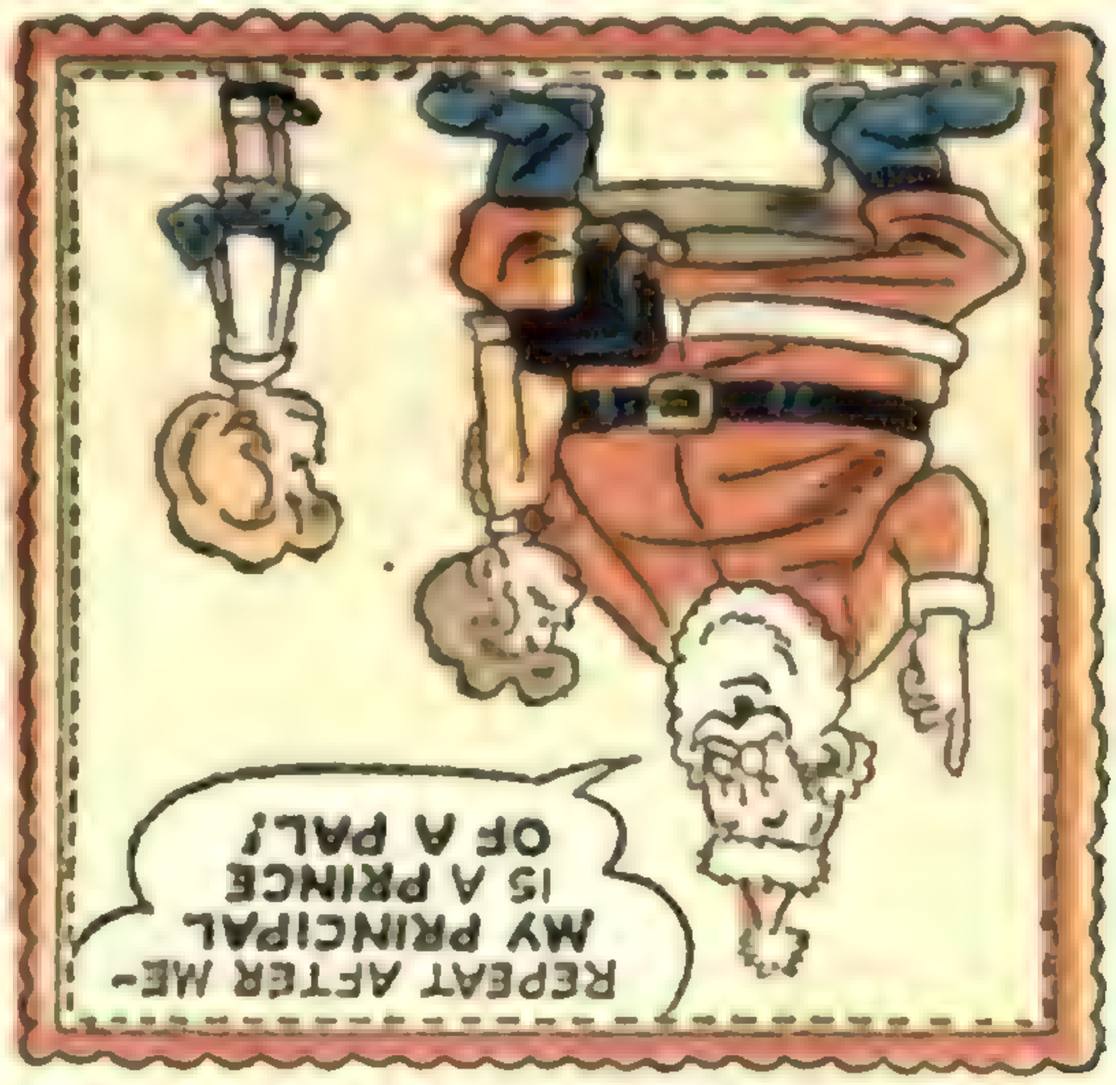
B.L.N.T.

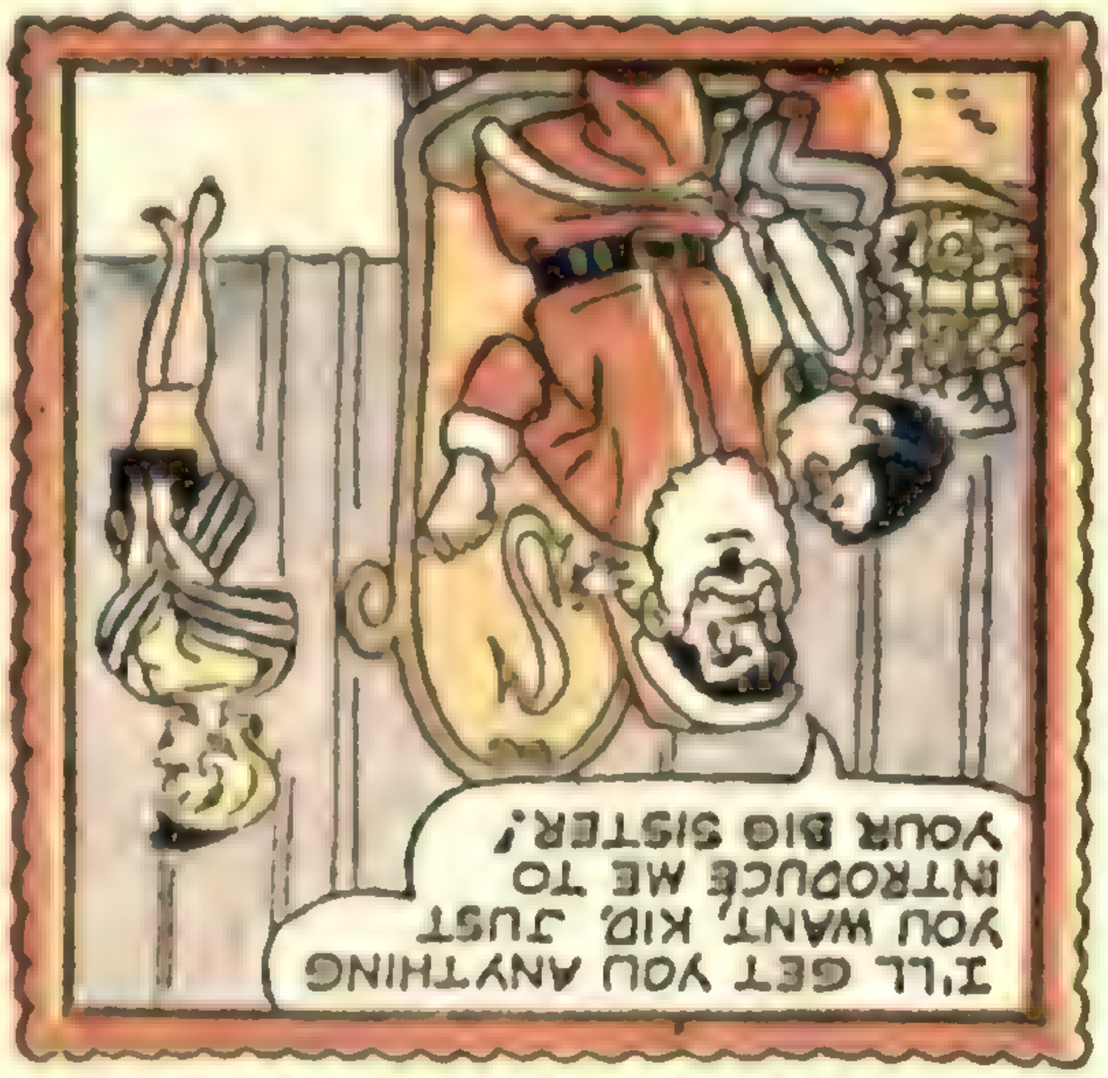
WOULDN'T YOU PREFER EDUCATIONAL TOYS, INSTEAD?

SORRY! BUT THE MAN WITH THE ANSWERS LEFT OUR OFFICE EARLY TO DO SOME LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

BESIDES... ONLY "MOOSE TYPES" WOULD NEED THE ANSWERS TO THIS QUIZ!

TURN UPSIDE DOWN FOR QUIZ ANSWERS!





Betty

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"PRIZE PRESENT"

LEROY, AREN'T YOU GOING TO TELL SANTA WHAT YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

NAH! HE'S A BIG PHONEY!

HE IS NOT!!

LAST YEAR, I TOLD HIM I WANTED A DOLL AND A PAINT SET — AND THAT'S WHAT I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS!

YOU DID?

AND THE YEAR BEFORE I ALSO GOT EXACTLY WHAT I ASKED HIM FOR!

THAT'S AMAZING!

...JUST GIVE ME ARCHIE ANDREWS FOR CHRISTMAS!

END

Archie IN 'BLACK BOOK BONANZA'

B-BUT, MOOSE! I'M NOT **DOING** ANY WORK!

HAW! OKAY, ARCH! HAVE IT **YOUR** WAY! BUT TAKE MY MIDGE ALONG ANYWAY!

D-UH! MAYBE SHE COULD HELP YOU IN CASE YOU **FIND** SOME WORK TUH DO!

(GULP) - D-DID YOU SEE **THAT**?

B-BIG MOOSE **F-FORCING** HIS GIRL ON ARCH!

I N-NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT CARRIED **THAT** FAR!

MOOSE! WHEN DID YOU FIRST BEGIN TO FEEL SICK?

D-UH! WHO'S SICK?

Y-YOU LET ARCH WALK OFF WITH YOUR GIRL!

-AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN CLOBBER HIM A LITTLE BIT!

HAW! I AIN'T SO DUMB!

I DON'T TAKE NO CHANCES SO NEAR CHRISTMAS!

D-UH! ESPECIALLY WITH ONE OF SANTA'S HELPERS!

!?

ARCHIE!

SANTA'S HELPER?

I SEEN HIM WRITIN' IN A LITTLE BLACK BOOK!

SANTA'S HELPERS ALWAYS CHECK ON WHO'S BEEN GOOD OR BAD ALL YEAR!

HOLY COW! SOMEONE OUGHT TO CHECK ON THE CONTENTS OF HIS HEAD!

NEVER MIND THAT!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THAT MYSTERIOUS BLACK BOOK OF ARCHIE'S!

Y-YOU MEAN MIDGE?

COME ON! LET'S HURRY!

THERE THEY ARE! THEY'RE SPLITTING UP!

MIDGE! MIDGE! YOU'VE GOT TO DO US A FAVOR!

I CAN'T, BOYS! I'M TOO WORRIED RIGHT NOW!

S-SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH MY MOOSIE!

HE'S NOT HIS OLD SELF!

WE CAN EXPLAIN THAT, MAGE! BUT NOT NOW!

RIGHT NOW WE WANT YOU TO GET THAT BLACK BOOK FROM ARCHIE!

(GASP) - IS THAT THE FAMOUS BLACK BOOK?

THE WHOLE TOWN WANTS TO KNOW THE SECRET OF THAT BOOK!

I THINK I CAN GET HIS MIND OFF IT FOR A MOMENT!

ARCHIE! I FORGOT SOMETHING! PUT THAT BOOK DOWN FOR A MINUTE!

I ALMOST FORGOT TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU PROPERLY!

SMACK!

W-WOW! WHAT A SMOOCH!

H-HIS SOCKS ARE GOING UP AND DOWN LIKE A COUPLE OF YO-YO'S!

UH...D-UH! 'B-BYE, MIDGE!

THE BOOK! DID YOU GET IT?

HE WASN'T THINKING ABOUT BOOKS WHEN HE LEFT!

YIPPEE! AT LAST!

THE MYSTERY IS ABOUT TO BE SOLVED!

D-UH! WHUT ARE YOU TWO DOIN' WITH MY GURL?

GEP!

N-NO, MOOSE! IT'S THE BOOK! ARCHIE'S BLACK BOOK!

W-WE JUST WANT TO SEE WHAT'S IN IT!

(GASP)-S-STEALIN' SANTA'S SECRETS! THAT'S WORSEN' FOOLIN' WITH MY GURL!!

D-UH! I'LL GIVE THIS BACK TUH ARCHIE!

?

MAYBE I'LL GET A EXTRA GOOD MARK FROM SANTA!

GOLLY, AM I RELIEVED! MOOSIE IS BACK TO NORMAL! THANKS TO YOU TWO!

(GROAN) T-THINK NOTHING OF IT!

The End

LIL JINX

FROSTY THE "KNOW" MAN!

HUMPH! SOME WINTER!!

IT HASN'T SNOWED YET!

..AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO USE OUR NEW SLEDS!

I WISH WE COULD DO SOMETHING-

I'LL GO ASK MY DADDY! HE'S PRETTY SMART!

...AND THAT'S OUR PROBLEM, DADDY! NO SNOW!!

I TOLD THE GANG YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO THINK OF SOMETHING BECAUSE YOU'RE SO SMART, DADDY!

SMART?-GULP!- W-E-E-E-LL--- MAKING IT SNOW IS NOT EXACTLY MY LINE...

...IT'S MORE A JOB FOR, MR. JACK FROST!

GOOD! LET'S CALL HIM!

PLEASE, DADDY! PLEASE!!

...OKAY LITTLE JIM!

HELLO, MR. JACK FROST! CAN YOU MAKE IT SNOW TOMORROW?

CLICK

OH... YOU CAN--- THANK YOU, OLD PAL!

HE'S GOING TO TRY VERY HARD--TO MAKE IT SNOW TOMORROW!

YIPEE!

I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT! I'LL GO TELL THE GANG!!

HAHA! IT'S A GOOD THING I HEARD THE WEATHERMAN SAY IT'LL SNOW TOMORROW!

NEXT DAY...

GULP!

ER... LI'L JINX— IT'S **NOT SNOWING**--

I WONDER IF YOUR DADDY REALLY SPOKE TO *THE MAN*...

OH, YEAH? I'LL **PROVE** IT TO YOU!

HERE'S A **JACK FROST** IN THE BOOK! I'LL CALL HIM!

HELLO, MR. JACK FROST! ...WHAT TIME ARE YOU GOING TO *MAKE IT SNOW?*

?!?! **HUH?**

LOOK! I'M VERY BUSY! I HAVE NO TIME FOR GAGS!!

BUT YOU PROMISED...

CLUNK

HE HUNG UP...

HA! I KNEW IT!

HE SAID HE WAS BUSY! MAYBE HE DOESN'T KNOW MANY OF US KIDS ARE COUNTING ON HIM!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET'S EACH ONE OF US CALL HIM!

I'LL GO SPREAD THE WORD!

HELLO, MR. JACK FROST ... ABOUT THE SNOW...

...ALL THE KIDS ARE WAITING...

WE WANT TO GO SLEDDING...

EEPS!

EVERY FEW MINUTES ALL DAY LONG—

HEY, LOOK...IT...IT... IS.... SNOWING

YIPEE! WE DID IT!

I HAD TO CALL YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE SNOW - MR. FROST!

OH, NO! NOT AGAIN! I'M TIRED OF THIS GAG ---

I WISH I KNEW WHO STARTED IT!

ER...DON'T YOU REMEMBER? --IT WAS **MY** DADDY-- WHO SPOKE TO YOU—

YOUR DADDY, EH? TELL ME MORE!!

HEM!...LI'L JINX... MY PAL JACK CAME THROUGH... IT'S SNOWING!

YES, DADDY! I JUST FINISHED THANKING HIM ON THE PHONE!

YOU WHAT?

ALL THE KIDS IN TOWN ARE CALLING HIM TO *THANK HIM ALSO!* THAT'S GOOD MANNERS, HUH, DADDY?

MR. FROST ASKED ME WHERE I LIVED AND HE SAID HE WAS COMING *OVER TO SEE YOU!*

ULP! HE DID?

IT'S HIM

BAM BAM

LATER

BOY! LOOK AT THOSE BEAUTIFUL SNOWFLAKES! YOUR FRIEND, MR. FROST, COVERS EVERYTHING *WITH A LIGHT TOUCH!*

...ER... *NOT EXACTLY!*

END

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The story of Christmas is the story of many peoples and many climes and eras, for the rites that are part of this holiday are borrowed from pagan tribes that lived long before the birth of Christ. Essentially, in the Christian Church, Christmas is the annual festival celebrating the birth of the Christ child, the Nativity, on December 25th of each year. The basic origin of the festival is actually unknown. Scholars believe that it is derived from the pre-Christian rites of Germanic and Celtic tribesmen which were held in celebration of the winter solstice.

The Christmas festival has been generally observed by Christians throughout the world since the 4th century. Much of the earlier celebrations were adapted from pagan rites to other gods. Heathen customs such as the use of holly and mistletoe, Yule logs and wassail bowls, all have their foundation in pagan practices.

The use of Christmas trees probably originated among the Romans of the pre-Christian era from whom it spread to the Germanic peoples and later to the British Isles.

As time passed the celebration of the Nativity acquired a wide religious and social significance, expressed in many countries in as many different ways. In Holland St. Nicholas comes on Christmas Eve to bring gifts to little boys and girls. The American version is of course Santa Claus. In Sweden the children act out the legend of Lucia, who once, it is said, at Christmas time, saved the people of the land from starvation. French people hopefully leave shoes and boots at the hearth on Christmas Eve, a parallel practice to the hanging of stockings in America.

Socially the exchange of gifts and special cards of greeting and the suspension of school and work, began a new era for the Christmas celebration. Dutch settlers brought the custom of celebrating St. Nicholas' or Santa Claus' day on Christmas Eve to the new world.

Of the many legends and stories that surround the celebration and have become an intrinsic part of it, the story of the three Wise Men, the Magi, is certainly one of the most profound and interesting. The word Magi, is a title given to members of the learned and priestly caste of ancient Persia and Media. The name was also current as a generic term for astrologers in the East. The New Testament narrative of the finding and then the homage of the Magi to the infant Christ, led to the manger by the Star of Bethlehem, is known to almost all, even those who are not within the aura of the Christian Church. In the middle ages these three Magi became celebrated as the Three Kings and the early British historian, Bede, distinguishes them as Kaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Their bones are supposed to be at rest in the Cathedral of Cologne.

Today part of the annual Christmas holiday is celebrated by many who do not belong to the Christian Church. The aura of selflessness, of quiet peace and beauty that the holiday brings can be enjoyed by all people, and children of all races, creeds and colors love to participate in the exchange of gifts, the belief in Santa Claus, and the feasts and Christmas tree decorating that the season brings.

Archie

IN

"LOGICAL LOCATION"

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU, ARCH?

I'M WONDERING WHERE TO PLACE THE MISTLETOE!

HOW ABOUT HERE?

NAH! THE GIRLS RUSH RIGHT THROUGH THE ENTRANCE! WE WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO KISS THEM!

HOW ABOUT BY THE JUKE BOX?

NAW! THE GIRLS USUALLY HAVE US GUYS FEEDING THE MACHINE!

IT'S GOT TO BE A PLACE WHERE THE GIRLS CONGREGATE!

YEAH! AND FOR A LONG TIME!

MIND IF I MAKE A SUGGESTION, FELLOWS?

POP, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PROFESSOR!

Jughead

JUST FRIENDS

ARGENTINA? GREECE? FRANCE? PERU? BRAZIL? OHIO? HAWAII?

NO? NOPE! UH UH! NIX! NO! NO GOOD!

?!

YOU BOYS LEAVING TOWN?

I HOPE!

NO SIR!

MISS GRUNION'S HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT IS TO WRITE AN ESSAY ON A POPULAR SPORT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY!

S.C.?

AND WE CAN'T SEEM TO THINK OF ANYTHING!

THAT'S NOTHING NEW!

MAY I SUGGEST YOU LOOK OUTSIDE? THE ANSWER TO YOUR PROBLEM IS RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE!

OUTSIDE?

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

SIMON!

WHAT DOES IT MAKE YOU THINK OF?
SNOW-BALL FIGHTS!
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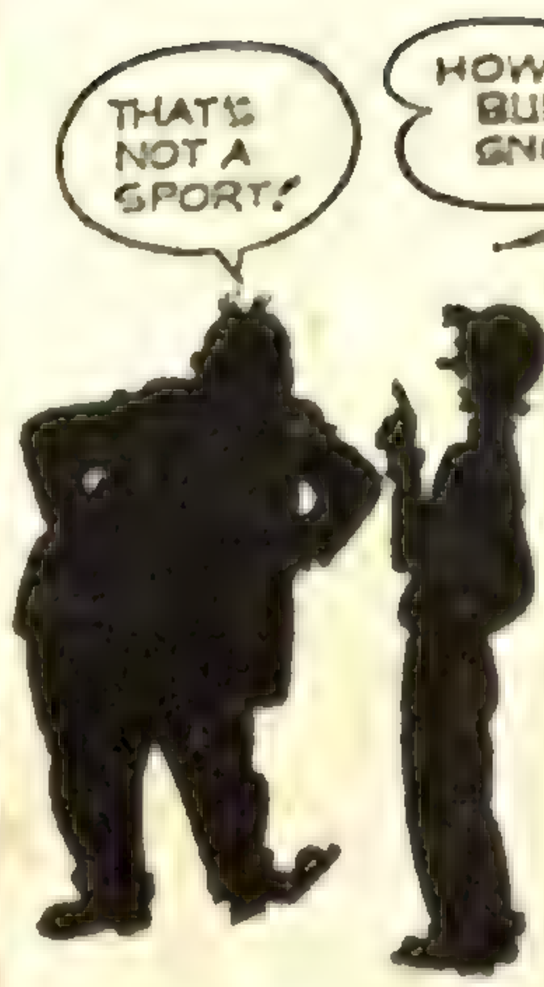
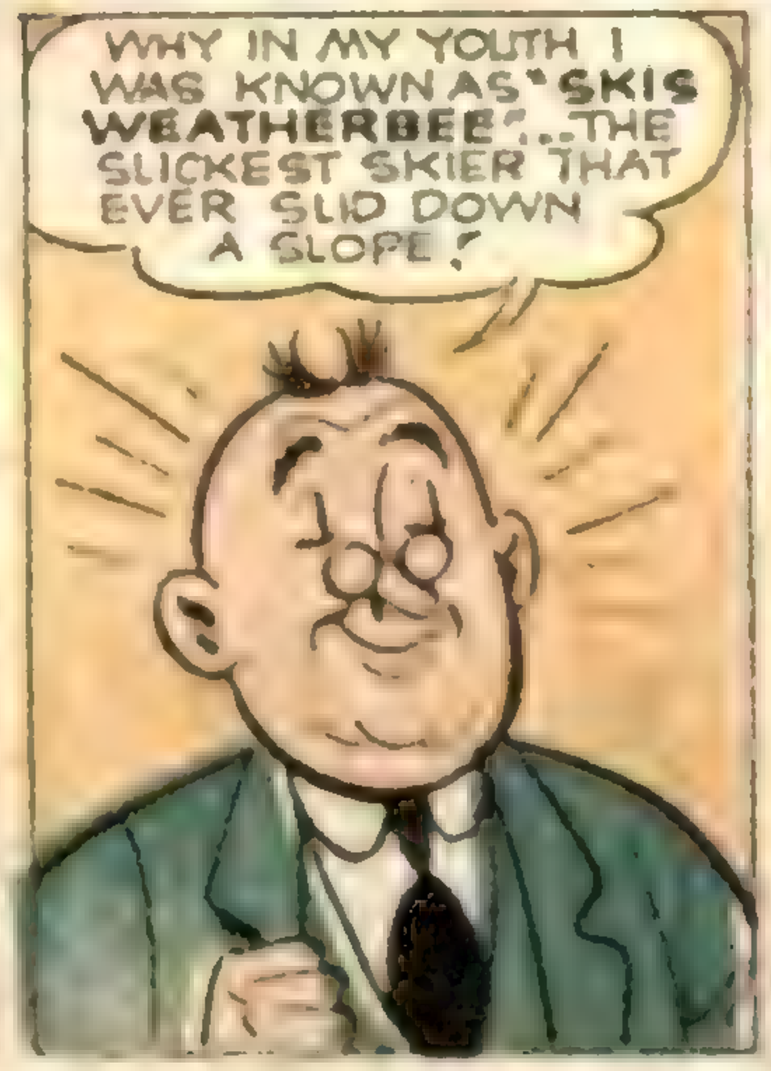

THAT'S NOT A SPORT!
HOW ABOUT BUILDING SNOWMEN?

OH, COME NOW! WHAT COUNTRIES DO YOU USUALLY ASSOCIATE WITH LOTS OF SNOW?
OH! I GET IT!

THERE'S LOTS OF SNOW IN NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND, SWITZERLAND, IRELAND...
THAT'S NO GOOD FOR ME!

THEY DO A LOT OF SKIING THERE AND I DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT SKIING!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SKI?

WHY, IN MY DAY, ALL THE KIDS KNEW HOW TO SKI!
DID YOU, SIR?


WHY IN MY YOUTH I WAS KNOWN AS "SKIS WEATHERBEE"...THE SLICKEST SKIER THAT EVER SLID DOWN A SLOPE!

GEE, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A REAL EXPERT!
NOT "BEEN", BOY! "AM"! I'VE LOST NONE OF MY SKILL!

GOSH MR WEATHERBEE YOU JUST GAVE ME A SWELL IDEA!
GLAD I COULD HELP YOU, LAD

VERY INTERESTING, "SKI WAX" THAT WAS QUITE A YARN!
BIP!
YOU HEARD?

EVERY FLAKE! THAT WAS QUITE A SNOW JOB!...YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ON A PAIR OF SKIS IN YOUR LIFE!
SHHH!

I WAS ONLY TRYING TO INSPIRE THEM TO FIND A SUBJECT FOR YOUR SPORTS ESSAY!

A FEW MORE STORIES LIKE THAT AND THEY'LL BE WRITING FAIRY TALES!

BAH! CAN I HELP IT IF I HAVE AN ACTIVE IMAGINATION?
BESIDES, I WAS SO ON SKIS ONCE! ONLY I PUT THEM ON BACKWARDS!

YOO HOO! MR. WEATHERBEE!

JUGHEAD, I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO SKI!
I DON'T! BUT YOUR TALK GOT ME SO HEPPED UP, I DECIDED TO TRY TO LEARN!

AM I GLAD I MET YOU!
ME? WHY ME?

YOU'RE AN EXPERT! YOU CAN TEACH ME THE BEGINNER'S FUNDAMENTALS!
ER YOU KNOW NOTHING AT ALL ABOUT THE SPORT!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW YOU PUT THESE THINGS ON!
IN THAT CASE!

THIS IS AWFULLY NICE OF YOU, MR. WEATHERBEE!
NOT AT.. (PUFF!).. ALL! (PANT!)

WOULD YOU SHOW ME HOW TO PUT THESE ON PROPERLY?
JUST WATCH ME!

THERE WE ARE!
ER.. IT SEEMS TO ME YOU PUT THEM ON BACKWARDS!

AGAIN?.. ER.. I MEAN.. SO I DID!

HEH, HEH! JUST TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION!

ONE OF THE PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS FOR A GOOD CHIEF IS AGGRESSIVENESS, I'M GLAD TO SEE...

WHA...? I'M CLIPPING!

AM I AN ATHLETE? SHUCKS, YOU'D JUST HAVE TO SEE THAT FOR YOURSELF!

HALP!

CRASH!

...AND THANKS TO YOUR SKIING EXHIBITION, JUGHEAD TURNED IN THE BEST ESSAY ON A POPULAR SPORT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY!

WHICH ONE DID HE PICK?

SPAIN!

SPAIN? WHAT'S A POPULAR SPORT THERE?

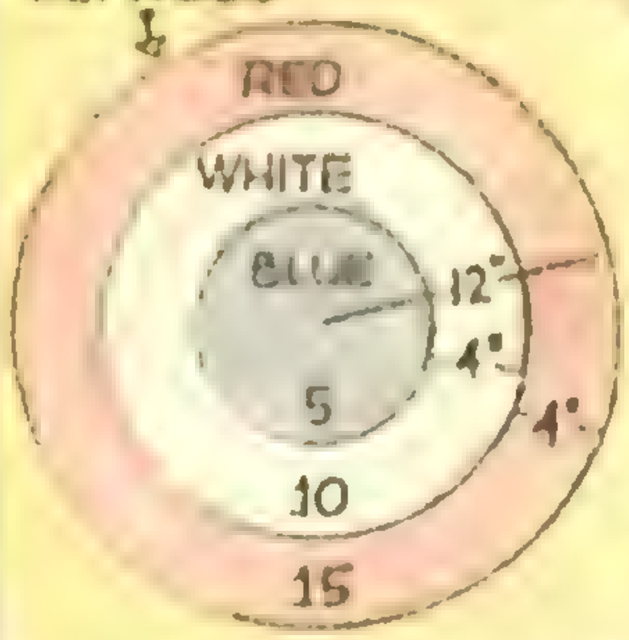
THROWING THE BULL!

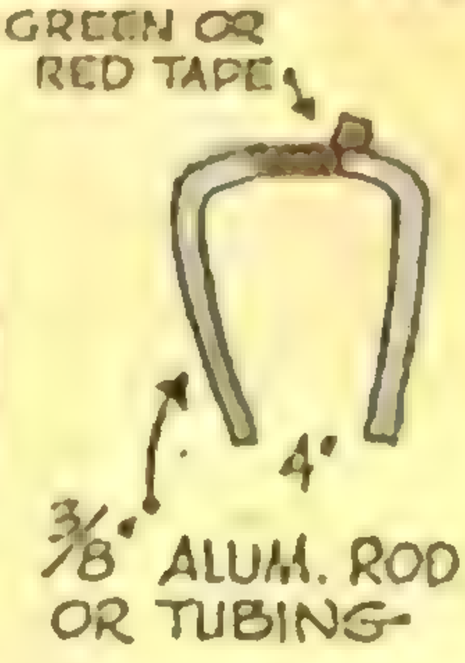
END

HOLIDAY HOW-TO-DO-ITS

HORSESHOE GAME for INDOORS

TRY THIS NEW TWIST TO THE OLD GAME OF HORSESHOES!



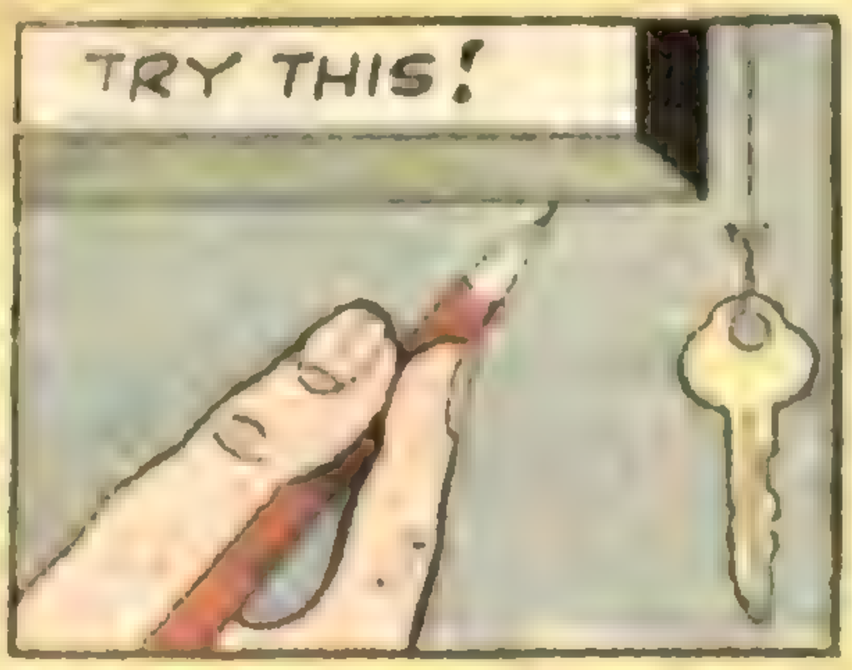


ON THE PLYWOOD BASE, NUMBER THE CIRCLES AS INDICATED!

EACH HORSESHOE IS BENT FROM A 3/8" TUBING OR ALUMINUM ROD 14" LONG. USE COLORED TAPE TO INDICATE THE MATCHING PAIRS! THE STAKES ARE 3/4" TUBING 7" LONG. INSERT A 3/4" FLOOR FLANGE AND TIGHTEN.

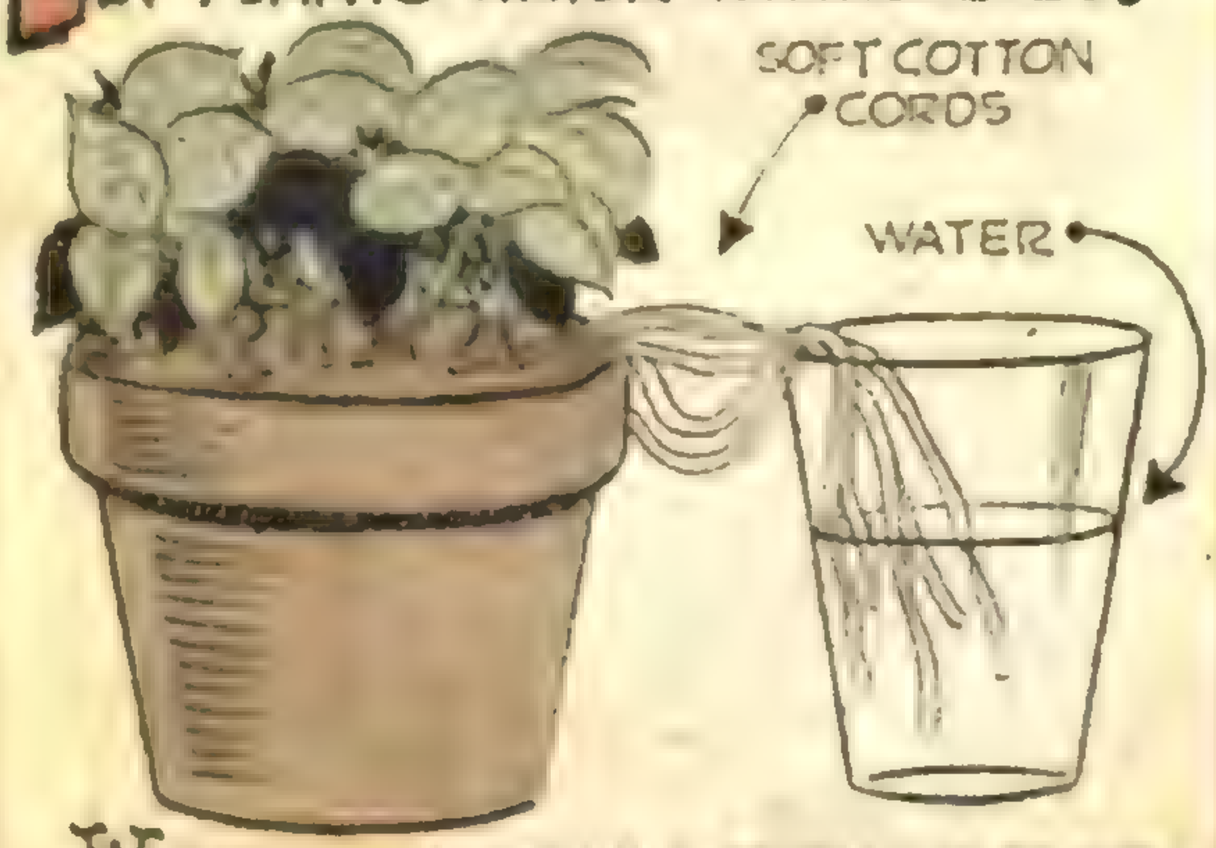
GAME RULES

PLAY THE GAME FOLLOWING THE SAME RULES USED IN THE REGULAR GAME OF HORSESHOES, OR YOU MAY USE THE NUMBERS ON THE TARGET, COUNTING A RINGER AS FIVE POINTS AND A LEANER FOUR.



CHECK THE ALIGNMENT OF PICTURES WITH MAKE-SHIFT PLUMB BOB OF STRING AND A LARGE KEY. HOLD IT TO THE WALL OR FASTEN IT ON TEMPORARILY WITH MASKING TAPE. MARK LETS YOU REPOSITION PICTURE AFTER IT'S TAKEN DOWN. Brad Wilson, Archie

LET PLANTS WATER THEMSELVES!



WHILE AWAY ON VACATION, TAKE SEVERAL LENGTHS OF SOFT COTTON CORD AND TWIST AROUND THE ROOTS OF THE PLANT. INSERT THE OTHER ENDS IN A GLASS OF WATER. THE MOISTURE FROM THE CORD WILL KEEP THE PLANT MOIST FOR DAYS!

Archie in 'BOXED IN'

THIS IS A CHRISTMAS LIST?

LET'S SEE!

THIS IS FOR VERONICA! I HAVE TO DECIDE ON ONE OF THOSE!"

"DIAMOND NECKLACE, SPORTS CAR, YACHT, SPACE SHIP, HANDKERCHIEFS?"

I'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO THOSE!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE HER HANDKERCHIEFS, EH?

SAY! HOW'D YOU GUESS?

JUST A LUCKY STAB IN THE DARK!

I WISH I COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT, THOUGH!

I GAVE HER HANDKERCHIEFS **LAST** YEAR!

YOK! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A BLOW!

COME OFF IT! THIS IS SERIOUS!

HEY! LOOK! DOES THIS GIVE YOU AN IDEA?

PET SHOP

YEAH!

THAT DOG, REGGIE, WILL PROBABLY TOP ME AS USUAL THIS YEAR, WITH SOME **EXPENSIVE** GIFT!

NO! WHAT I MEAN IS HOW'S ABOUT GIVING HER SOMETHING ALIVE! SOMETHING WARM AND CUDDLY!

JUG! YOU'RE A GENIUS! THAT'S IT!

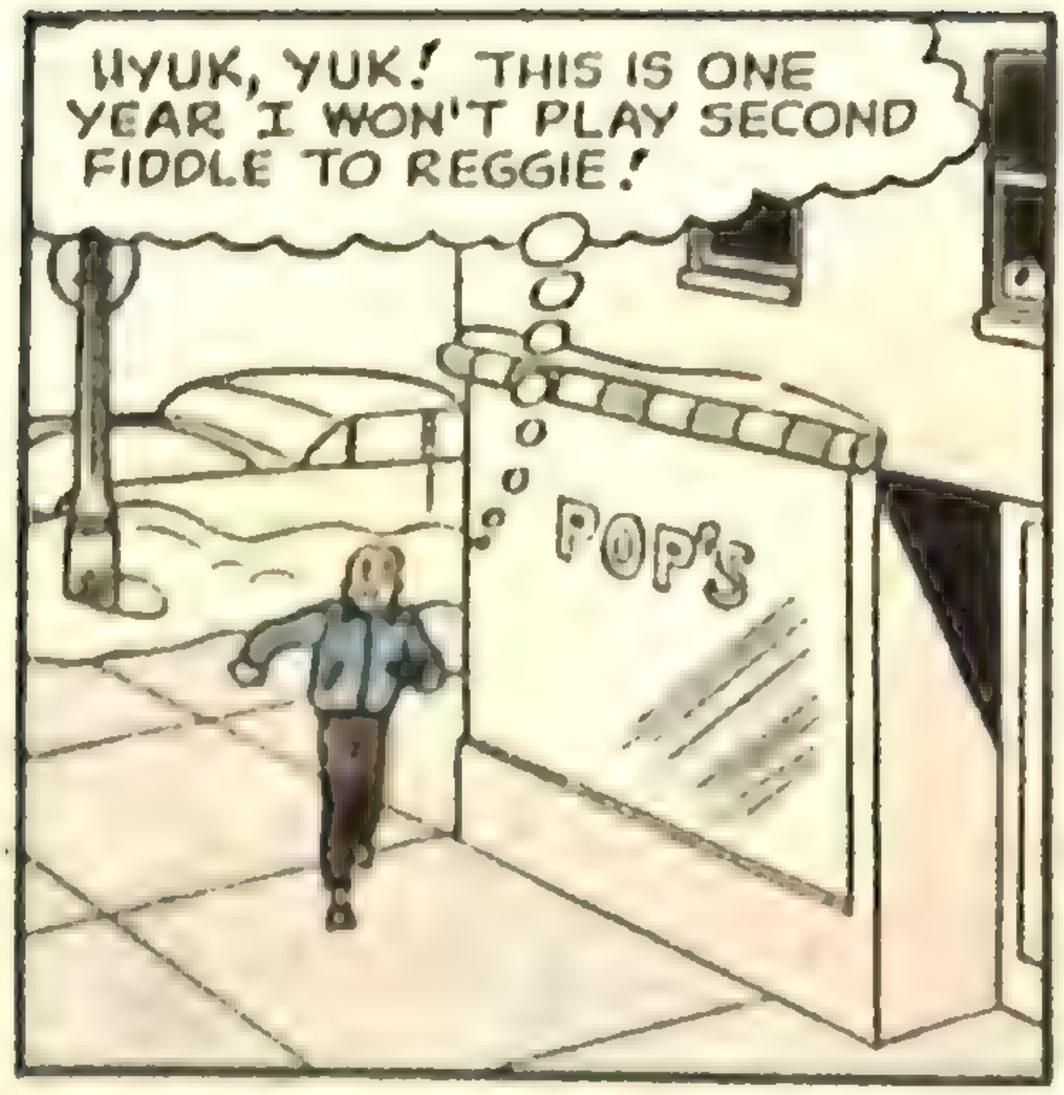
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO FOLLOW YOUR SUGGESTION, OF COURSE!

B-BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND?

I'M GOING TO GIVE RONNIE SOMETHING ALIVE! SOMETHING WARM AND CUDDLY!

-ME!

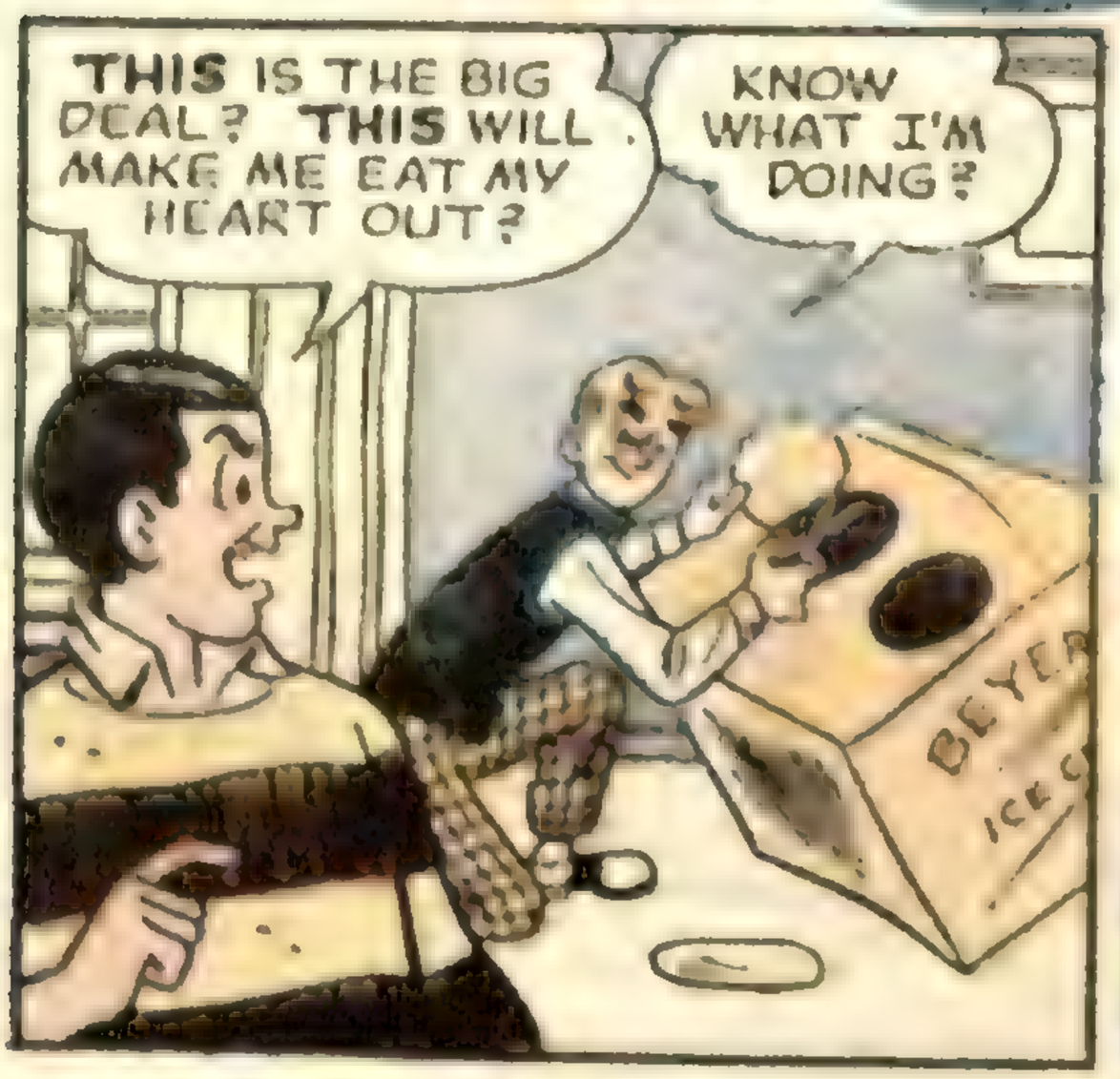

WYUK, YUK! THIS IS ONE YEAR I WON'T PLAY SECOND FIDDLE TO REGGIE!
POP'S

WILL THIS DO, ARCHIE?
PERFECT, POPS!
BEYER'S
ICE CREAM

TAKING UP BOXING, PAL? YOK, YOK! GET IT? I S-SAID...
ICE CREAM

COME ALONG, CORN BALL!

I WANT TO SEE YOU EATING YOUR HEART OUT!


THIS IS THE BIG DEAL? THIS WILL MAKE ME EAT MY HEART OUT?
KNOW WHAT I'M DOING?

SURE! YOU'RE MAKING A LEAKY BOX!

THIS,-WITH A FEW TRIMMINGS, IS TO BE MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO RONNIE!

(GASP)

H-HOW DID A BIRD-BRAIN LIKE YOU COME UP WITH SUCH A TERRIFIC IDEA? WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT?

(SIGH)-YOU'VE GOT ME BEAT THIS YEAR, PAL!

BEYER'S ICE CREAM

ER-MAYBE WE OUGHT TO PRACTISE **WRAPPING** YOU!

W-WHY THANKS, REG! YOU'RE A GOOD LOSER!

BEYER'S ICE CREAM

HEH, HEH! CHRISTMAS MORNING I'LL WALK UP TO RONNIE'S HOUSE....

IT'LL BE A REAL BLAST!

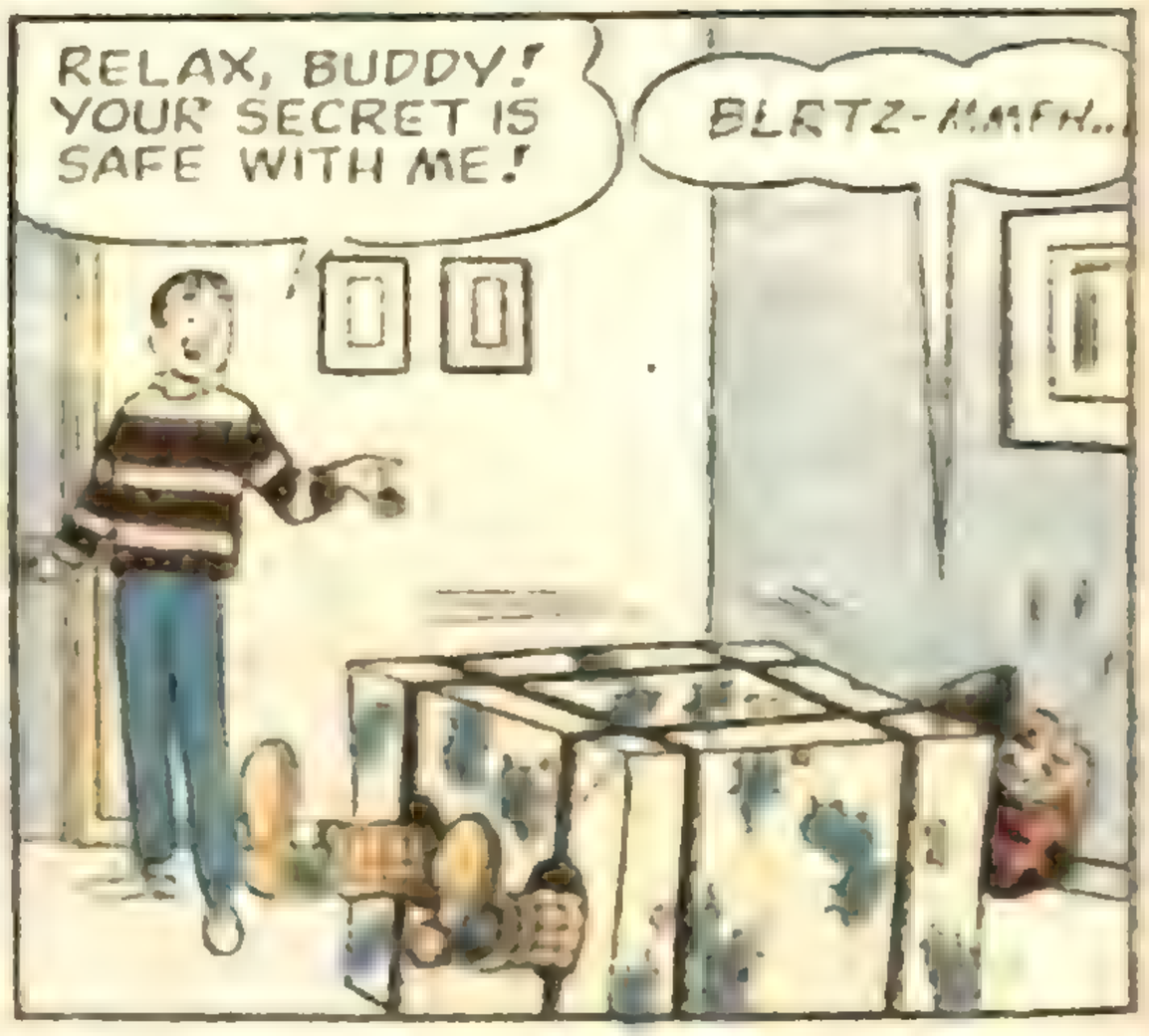
SHE'LL FLIP! WON'T SHE?

DON'T GIVE IT AWAY WHEN YOU SEE HER TONIGHT!

I'LL TAKE A TUCK IN MY LIP!
I'D HATE TO SEE YOU SPOIL THIS GREAT IDEA!

MAYBE A FEW MORE BONS! JUST TO BE SURE!
MMPH!!!

I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP, PAL! YOU DO HAVE A BIG MOUTH!
GLK!!


RELAX, BUDDY! YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH ME!
BLETZ-MMFH..

LATER.
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND ARCHIE NOT SHOWING UP!
YOU KNOW HIM AT THE YULETIDE SEASON LOVER!

HE'S PROBABLY ALL WRAPPED UP IN HIS CHRISTMAS GIFTS!
The End

Archie

"SHELL GAME"

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WA-A-AY....

WHUMP!

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO? DECAPITATE ME?

CHEE? I WOULDN'T DO **THAT**, MISTER!

-I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT **MEANS!**

IT MEANS THAT THAT FOOL THING ALMOST....

...SAY! -WHAT IS THAT THING?

IT'S A SORT OF A **SLED**, ...ONLY **BETTER!**

MIND IF I GIVE IT A TRY?

AFTER CHARLIE, **YOU** CAN HAVE A TURN!

I'VE GOT TO BRING THIS UP TO CHARLIE **NOW!**

WAIT!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO **DRAG** IT ALL THE WAY UP THERE!

THIS THING OUGHT TO SCALE LIKE A DREAM!

STAND BACK!

COMING UP, CHARLIE!

HEY! IT'S TURNING!

EEYIPE!

SPLOOSH

NOW, SHALL WE DO IT MY WAY?

OKAY! OKAY!
HURRY UP, YOU GUYS!

SHOW HIM HOW TO DO IT, CHARLIE!

IT'S EASY! JUST SIT, GET A GOOD GRIP...

...AND SHOVE OFF!

WOOSH!
WHUMP

NOW, DO JUST LIKE I DID!

WHATSAMATTER? YOU THINK I NEVER COASTED BEFORE?

EEYAHOOO!

WHEEEEEEE!

END OF THE LINE!!

WOOSH

UP AND INTO THE...

...EEEEEEE!! -I W-WENT OVER THE B-BACKSTOP!!

H-H-HALP!

SPLAT!

YOU GOTTA ADMIT, HE'S NOT **CHICKEN**, CHARLIE!

HE DOES LOOK MORE LIKE **TURTLE** TO ME!

The End

FIT THE TOYS SHOWN BELOW INTO THEIR PROPER SQUARES TO HELP OLD SANTA FILL....

LEROY'S STOCKING

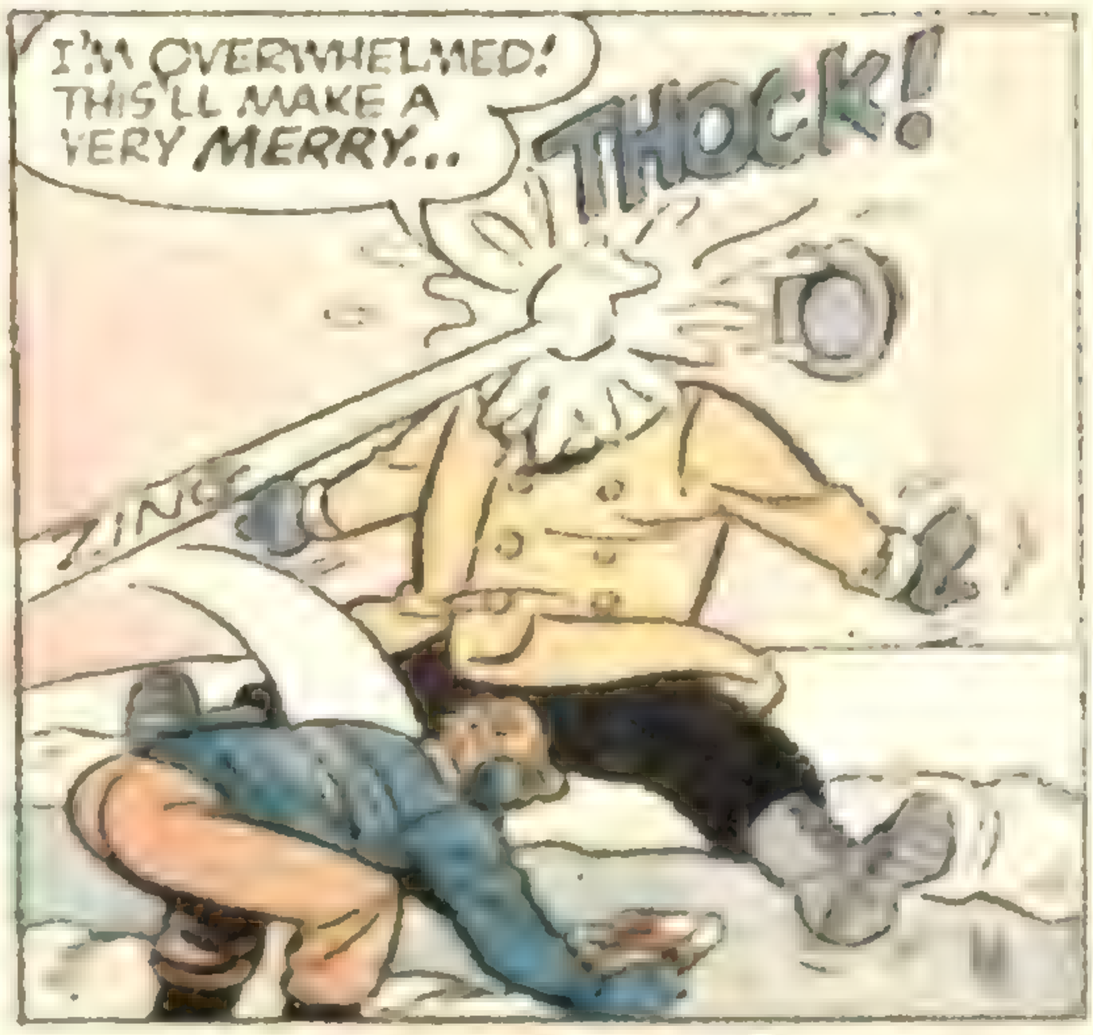
ANSWER

Archie in MR. WEATHERBEE'S DILEMMA

I'LL GET IT, SIR!

THERE GOES ARCHIE AGAIN...BUTTERING UP THE "BEE"!

OOPS!
I'LL GET IT, SIR!


I'M OVERWHELMED! THIS'LL MAKE A VERY MERRY...
THOCK!
ZING!

CHRISTMAS!
I SWEAR I DON'T KNOW WHO THREW IT, SIR!

NEVER MIND! IT CAME FROM THIS DIRECTION! I'LL TEACH THE YOUNG UPSTART WHO THREW IT JUST WHO'S GOING TO HAVE A MERRY...

THRUMP!

CHRISTMAS!
MR. WEATHERBEE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DON'T BOTHER ME! I'M GOING INTO MY OFFICE WHERE IT'S SAFE!
WHERE THERE'S PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN!

UH,OH! I'LL HAVE TO HAVE THIS ICE REMOVED!

SAY, I FORGOT TO THANK ARCHIE FOR THIS PRESENT!

THANK YOU, ARCHIE, AND A MERRY...

BUMP!

CHRISTMAS!

BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP

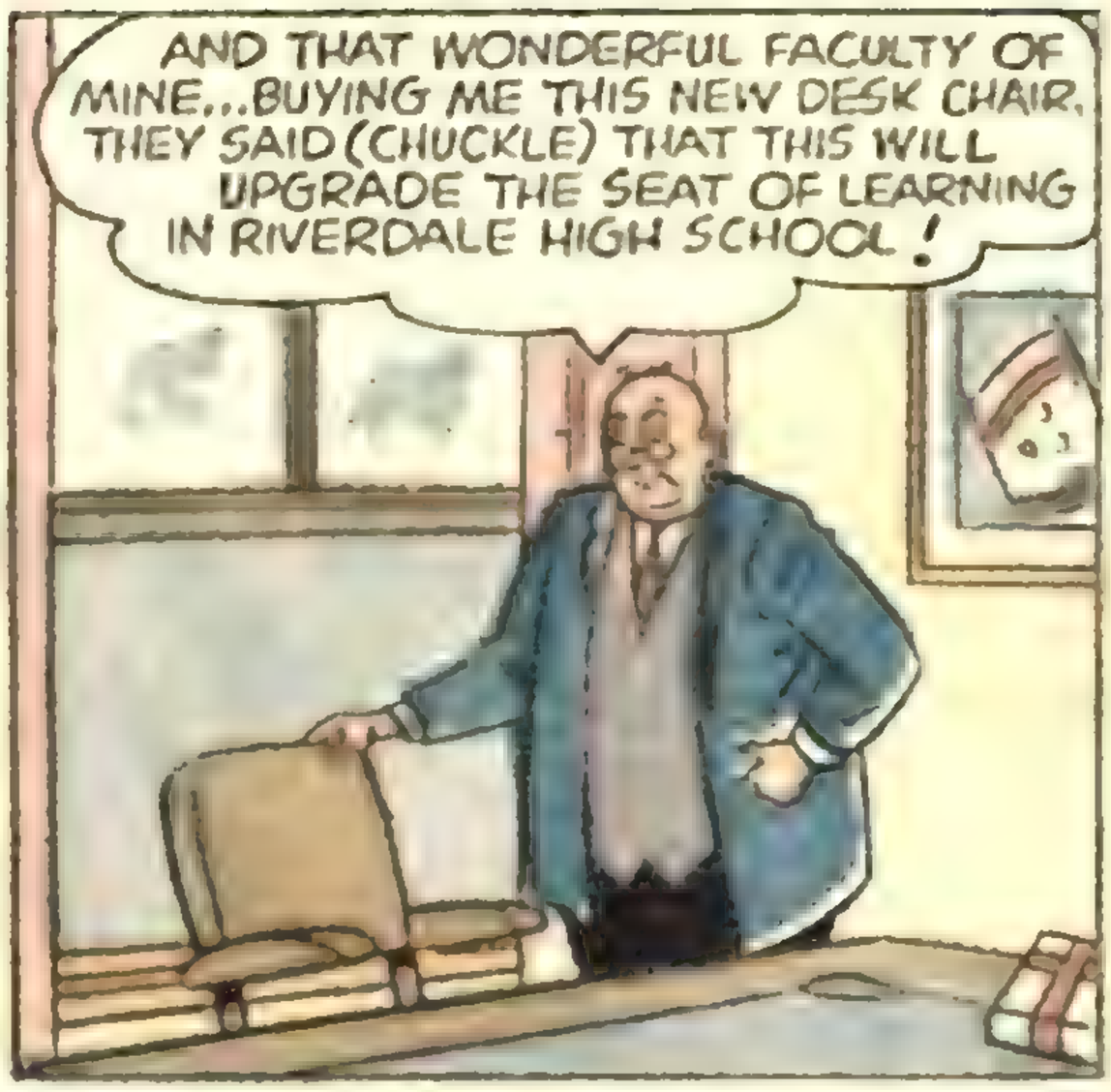
THIS IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS I SHOULD LOCK MYSELF IN!

RINCIPAL

I'M TOO STEAMED UP! I'D BETTER OPEN THIS WINDOW!

WELL, I MUST SAY ARCHIE AND COMPANY CERTAINLY DID A GOOD JOB OF DECORATING THE SHRUBBERY WITH ELECTRIC TREE LIGHTS!

THE STUDENTS PITCHING IN LIKE THAT IMPART SPIRIT TO CHRISTMAS TIME THAT IS HEARTWARMING INDEED! I WISH I COULD SHOW THEM MORE AFFECTION, BUT A PRINCIPAL MUST REMAIN ALOOF!


AND THAT WONDERFUL FACULTY OF MINE...BUYING ME THIS NEW DESK CHAIR. THEY SAID (CHUCKLE) THAT THIS WILL UPGRADE THE SEAT OF LEARNING IN RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL!

I THINK I'LL TRY OUT MY NEW CHAIR AND OPEN ARCHIE'S PRESENT AT THE SAME TIME!

IT SAYS, MERRY...

BONK!

CHRISTMAS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. WEATHERBEE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?

DON'T SAY IT!

DON'T SAY THOSE WORDS TO ME! I NEVER WANT TO HEAR ANYONE EVER SAY MERRY...

(GULP!) I'M SAYING IT!

FLOMP!

CHRISTMAS!

MY WORD, MR. WEATHERBEE! YOU CERTAINLY ARE GOING ALL OUT THIS SEASON! YOU LIT UP JUST LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE!

SPUTTER!

FIZZLE!

FIZZLE!

FIZZLE!

SUCH A SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TIME!

BAH! HUMBUG!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. WEATHERBEE, MISS GRUNDY!

MERRY...

BAH! HUMBUG!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BAH, HUMBUG!

BAH! HUMBUG!

?

WHAT'S WRONG, MR. WEATHERBEE?

I'M JINXED! THAT'S WHAT!

TELL ME, MISS GRUNDY, WHENEVER ANYTHING GOES WRONG IN THIS SCHOOL, WHO IS USUALLY BEHIND IT ALL?

UH, OH! ARCHIE AND COMPANY AGAIN!

RIGHT! OF ALL THE THOUSANDS OF HIGH SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTRY I HAVE TO BE CHOSEN PRINCIPAL OF RIVERDALE HIGH, WHERE ARCHIE AND HIS FRIENDS HATCH TROUBLE! THEY'RE SO GOOD AT IT, THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE TO TRY ANYMORE... THEY'VE GOT ME JINXED INSTEAD!

YOU TAKE HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

WHY IT'S A GOLD PLAQUE! ...AND THERE'S AN INSCRIPTION ON IT!

"IN ALL THE THOUSANDS OF HIGH SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTRY, WE CAN FIND NO FINER PRINCIPAL TO SHAPE US INTO WORTHY CITIZENS THAN YOU, OUR DEAR, MR. WEATHERBEE— MERRY CHRISTMAS, ARCHIE AND FRIENDS!"

MR. WEATHERBEE, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

FOLLOW ME AND YOU'LL FIND OUT!

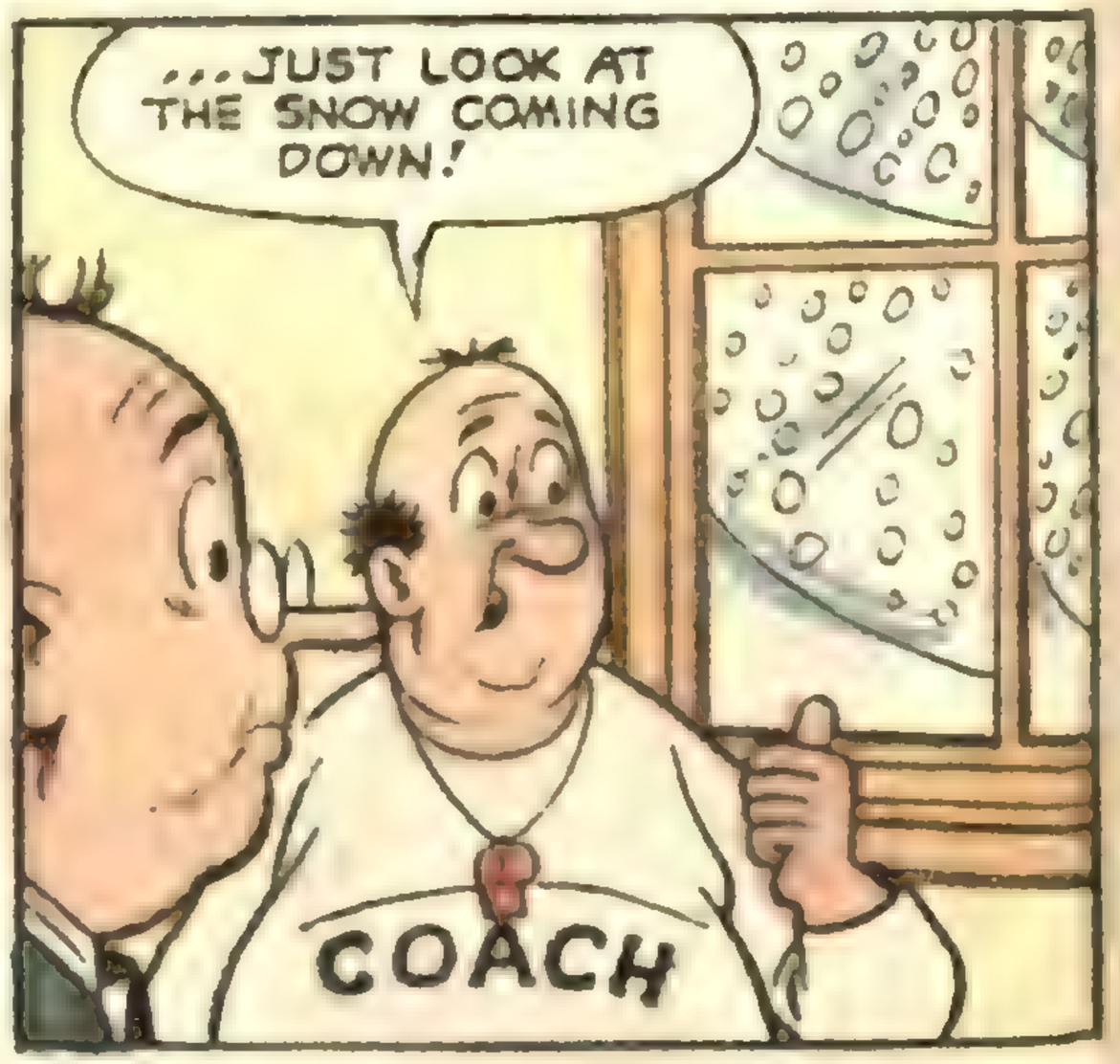
MERRY CHRISTMAS, ONE AND ALL!

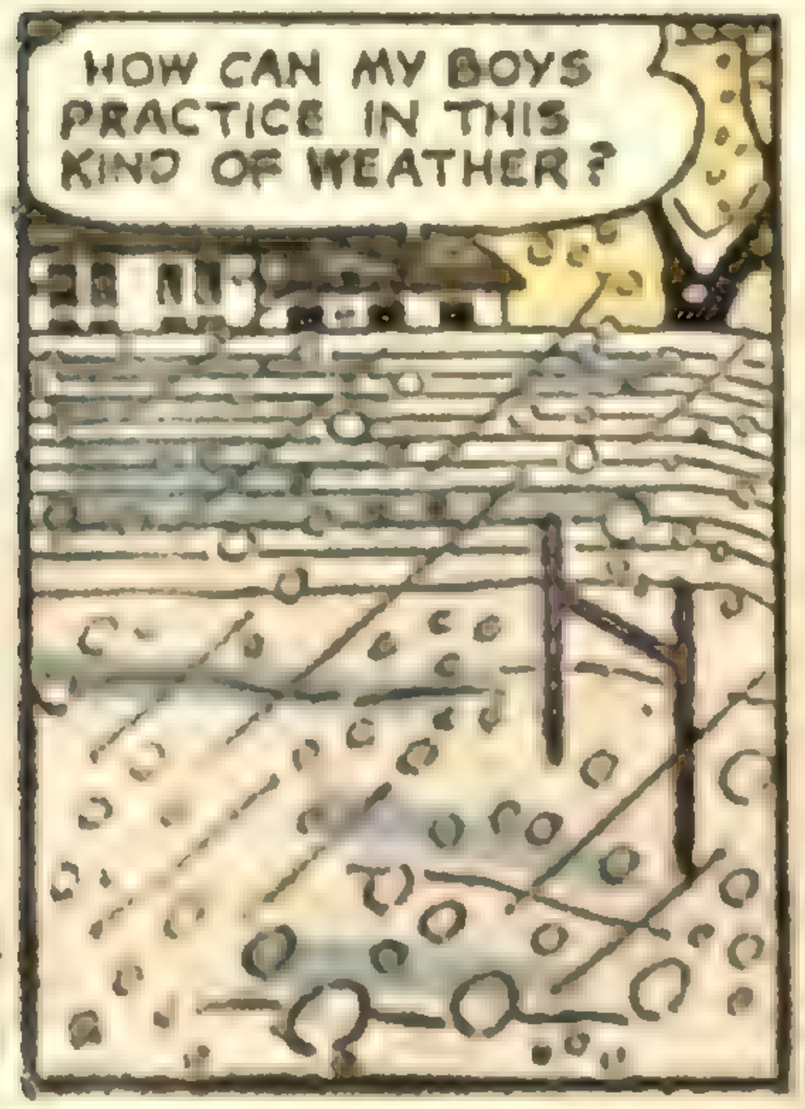
AND ESPECIALLY TO YOU!

..AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO!

COACH KLEATS

(19) "THE YULE RUSH"





ALL RIGHT, BOYS, PILE IN! WE'RE HEADING DOWNTOWN!

SCHOOL BUS

DOWNTOWN? TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT?

THAT'S RIGHT, ARCHIE!

YOU THINK MAYBE THE COACH HAS FLIPPED HIS LID?

SURE LOOKS LIKE IT!

OKAY, EVERYBODY- INTO BLOOM'S DEPARTMENT STORE!

ONLY 6 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

SCHOOL BUS

NICE BLOCK, ARCHIE! LIFT THOSE LEGS, JUGHEAD! REGGIE, SHIFT OVER....

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

THE END

Archie ® 'ESCAPE'

I LIKE A WHITE CHRISTMAS AS MUCH AS THE NEXT GUY, BUT **THIS** IS **RIDICULOUS!**

TOO COLD FOR YOU, ARCHIE?

YOU CAN SAY **THAT** AGAIN, SIR!

PERHAPS I CAN, BUT I'M NOT **GOING** TO!

OH, I DIDN'T MEAN..

WELL, ARCHIE! I'M GOING TO MISS THE FUN AND THE FROLIC THIS YEAR!

-AND I WON'T BE HERE TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT!

B-BUT, SIR! I NEVER GAVE YOU ANYTHING!

YOU'RE TOO MODEST, MY BOY!

-LAST YEAR, A LACERATED KNEE! THE YEAR BEFORE, A BROKEN ANKLE! A SLIGHT CONCUSSION THE YEAR BEFORE THAT!

MY, YES, YOU HAVE BEEN MORE THAN GENEROUS!

ULP!

BUT THIS YEAR I'M PLAYING IT SMART!

I'M LEAVING TOWN!

W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SIR?

HAH! I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU LEARN THAT!

THE LESS YOU KNOW, THE SAFER I AM!

LET'S SEE NOW! I'LL GO FINISH PACKING! VERONICA HAS RESERVED MY TICKET!

ULP!

WHAT FLIGHT AM I ON, DEAR?

ER- I WROTE IT DOWN, DADDY! I'LL TELL YOU IN A MOMENT!

HEY! WHY THE RUSH?

ARCHIE! I GOOFED!

QUICKLY! GET THE AIRPORT ON THE PHONE! I FORGOT TO RESERVE HIS TICKET!

SLAM

HELLO! I WANT TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MY GIRL'S DAD!

R

HA, HA! YOU SEE HE WANTS TO GET AWAY FROM ME, AND...

AIRLINE

RESERV

...AND VERONICA, THAT'S MY GIRL, SHE SAYS.....

R

PLEASE SIR! JUST TELL ME THE DESTINATION!

HUH? THE DEST...

-OH! OH, YES! I'LL ASK HER!

LOOK AT THIS WEATHER, AND SOME NUT WANTS TO GO TO **ALASKA!**

OUT OF HIS MIND!

RESERVATIO

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU! IT'S SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS!

AH! WARM, SUNNY, BEAUTIFUL!

TEXAS, MISS!

"TAXES?" YES, SIR! THERE WILL ALWAYS BE TAXES!

THAT WILL BE FLIGHT SIXTEEN, LEAVING AT FOUR P.M.!

CHEE! SHE DIDN'T EVEN ASK WHAT **PART** OF TEXAS!

HAVE A GOOD HOT HOLIDAY, DADDY!

DON'T LET **HIM** COME TO THE AIRPORT!

HOURS LATER:

WE LAND IN TEN MINUTES, SIR!

S-NORT! H-HUH? OH! -OH, YES!

I'M NOT WASTING A SECOND OF THIS VACATION!

Oo

I'M DREAMING OF A HOT CHRISTMAS...

JUST TAKES A LITTLE FORE-THOUGHT, FOLKS! I BELIEVE IN BEING PREPARED!

WELL, THIS IS ONE YEAR YOUR DAD WON'T HAVE ANY UNPLEASANT MEMORIES OF ME!

I'VE G-GOT TO KEEP THINGS IN THEIR PROPER ORDER!

F-FIRST, I FIND OUT HOW HE DID IT, AN T-THEN I KILL HIM!

WELCOME TO ALASKA

THE END

Jughead

dream-log

MAN! DID I HAVE A **DREAM** LAST NIGHT!

WHAT'D YOU DREAM.. THAT SCHOOL AND WORK WERE DECLARED ILLEGAL!

BETTER THAN THAT! I DREAMED I MET SANTA CLAUS AND HE GAVE ME A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!

SUCH AS?

A WISHING DAY!!

HE SAID ANYTHING MY FRIENDS AND I WISHED FOR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WOULD COME TRUE ... SO START WISHING!

YOU SHOULD WISH YOU'D STOP HAVING SUCH STUPID DREAMS!

BETTER STOP HAVING THOSE MIDNIGHT SNACKS OF YOURS, JUG!

HAH! IF **MY** WISH CAME TRUE I'D HAVE VERONICA TO MYSELF AND **ARCHIE** WOULD BE OUT IN THE COLD!

NOT A CHANCE!

IF **MY** WISH CAME TRUE HE'D BE **ANY-THING** BUT **COLD!**

WHAT WOULD **YOU** WISH FOR, RONNIE?

TWO TICKETS FOR THE OPEN-ING OF THE CONCERT SEASON TONIGHT!

IT'S SO TOP SOCIAL THAT EVEN MY DADDY CAN'T GET TICKETS!

WOW! THAT'S **REAL** TOP DRAWER!

...

MEF I'D JUST LIKE A NEW FIELDER'S GLOVE!

MORE FOOD THAN I EVER **SAW** BE-FORE! THAT'S WHAT **I'D** WANT!

(SIGH) BUT THAT'S JUST WISHFUL THINKING!

SON! PUT ON YOUR GOOD BLUE SUIT TONIGHT!

WHY, MOM?

I MANAGED TO GET TICKETS TO THE BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON!.. WE'RE GOING TO SEE HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES!

ER. HEAVY DATE, SON?

WHAT ELSE?

SORRY, ARCHIE? WE'RE GETTING TOGETHER WITH THE **MANTLES** TONIGHT?

WE DECIDED YOU AND REGGIE SHOULD JOIN US!

SPEND CHRISTMAS NIGHT WITH **ARCHIE**? MOM? DON'T YOU **LOVE** ME ANYMORE??

RONNIE, I'M AFRAID I HAVE SOME UNHAPPY NEWS FOR YOU!

WHAT'S THAT, DADDY?

OUR COOK HAS LEFT US!

W-WHO'S GOING TO COOK CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR US?

YOU!

EEP! I NEVER SAW SO MUCH FOOD AT ONE TIME IN MY LIFE!

NEXT DAY!..

WELL, REGGIE! DID YOUR WISH COME TRUE?

HAH!

I ENDED UP WITH BETTY'S WISH.. ARCHIE!

WELL, I DIDN'T DO TOO WELL EITHER!

I WALLOWED IN A MOUNTAIN OF FOOD ALL DAY LONG!

AND I'VE GOT AN UNCLE WHO THINKS IM HIS NEPHEW!

BETTY, YOU TOO?

THAT'S WHAT ARCHIE WISHED FOR!

THAT MAY HAVE BEEN WHAT I WISHED FOR...

BUT THIS IS WHAT I GOT!

WELL DON'T BLAME ME! YOU'RE NOT MY IDEA OF A DREAM COME TRUE EITHER!

HI THERE!

JUGHEAD!

IF IT ISN'T DREAM BOY!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! WE ALL GOT EACH OTHER'S WISH!

I GOT HIS!

AND YOU PROBABLY GOT MINE!

HA! WHAT A MIX UP! IN A WAY IT'S FUNNY, DON'T YOU THINK SO?

DREAMER!

FIN

Jughead

III

"XMAS SUNDAE"

POP, GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE SPECIALS!

SURE THING!

Christmas SPECIAL 40¢

HERE YOU ARE, JUGGIE, ONE SPECIAL!

IS THAT ALL THERE IS - PISTACHIO AND STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM?

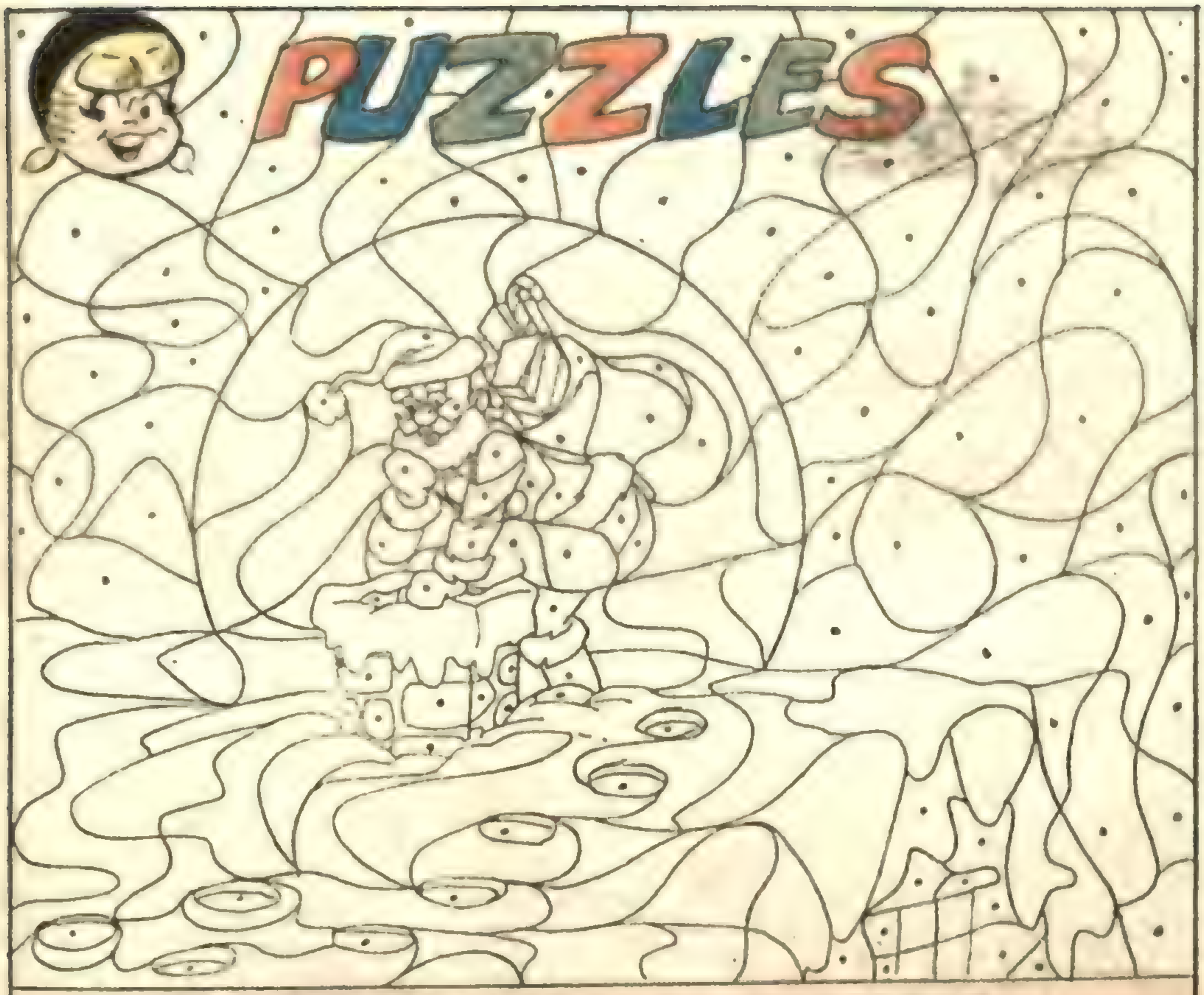
OH, NO...

YOU ALSO GET THIS MISTLETOE OVER YOUR HEAD!

SMACK!

I'VE BEEN HAD!

End



EVERYONE KNOWS WHO THIS IS---HE NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION! FILL IN THE DOTTED SHAPES TO FIND OUT!

HIDE AND SEEK—

TRY TO FIND *THE NAMES OF THE ANIMALS* HIDDEN IN THE SENTENCES BELOW!

FOR EXAMPLE:
SOME GRAPES ROLLED OFF THE TABLE! (ANSWER-'APE')

1. MR. JONES IS THE MOST RICHEST MAN IN TOWN!
2. THE WIND WAS HOWLING THROUGH THE TREES!
3. LI'L JINX'S FATHER LIKES TO READ EERIE BOOKS!
4. THE CARPENTER BANGS NAILS INTO THE DOOR!
5. THE ARAB BIT INTO A SANDWICH!
6. THE SPIGOT KEPT DRIPPING!
7. I DON'T LIKE TO BE AVERAGE!
8. I LOVE TO ADD UP THE MONEY I'M SAVING!
9. WE WILL GO AT 1 P.M. TO THE CONCERT!
10. GIGI CAME LATE TO LI'L JINX'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!
11. RUSS WILL DO GREAT THINGS WHEN HE GROWS UP!
12. DADDY FORGOT IF THE TOY DEPT IS ON THE FOURTH OR SEVENTH FLOOR!

Veronica

"A TORRID YULE"

VERONICA'S DAD TOOK SOME OF OUR CHRISTMAS CAROL GROUP TO FLORIDA FOR A FEW DAYS!

WHAT?

BUT DON'T WORRY... THEY PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TIME TO SING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SHOW!

LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM FLORIDA FOR PROFESSOR FLUTESNOOT!

AH! THAT MUST BE THEM!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE HAVING SUCH A SPLENDID TIME, VERONICA....

... I HOPE YOU'RE NOT FORGETTING TO REHEARSE WHILE YOU'RE DOWN THERE!

WE'RE REHEARSING OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS, ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR...

...BUT SOMEHOW WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF IT!

Carols

Archie

'THE WILLING SPIRIT'

ARCHIE ANDREWS, YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR HEAD!!

NOT AT ALL! I'M ENTERING IN TO THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!

I AM GIVING MY MOST VALUED POSSESSION TO MY WORST ENEMY!

Y-YOU MEAN...?

RIGHT! I AM PRESENTING **YOU**, TO **REGGIE**!

LOOK, CHARLIE! MAYBE **YOU** THINK THAT'S FUNNY, BUT...

WAIT!!

I PROMISE YOU, MY DEAR, YOU ARE IN NO DANGER!

BUT **YOU** ARE!!

I GUARANTEE, HE WON'T HAVE YOU AS A **GIFT!**

THAT DOES IT! PUT 'EM UP!!

PLEASE! JUST ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE!

REGGIE, DO YOU KNOW WHO'S THE MOST THOUGHTLESS, MISERLY, SELFISH, SLOB IN TOWN?

ARCH! DON'T MAKE ME CLOBBER YOU DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

...THE MOST SELF-INDULGENT, MERCENARY, EGOTISTICAL...

YOU SAY "ME," AND YOU'VE HAD IT!

EXACTLY WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY!

"ME!"

HUH? Y-YOU MEAN, Y-YOU?

THE YULETIDE SEASON HAS SHOWN ME THE LIGHT!

I SEE HOW GROSSLY UNFAIR IT WAS FOR ME TO KEEP VERONICA ALL TO MYSELF!

...JUST BECAUSE I HAVE GREATER WIT, LOOKS,... INTELLIGENCE...

THAT WAS NO REASON FOR ME TO FORGET MY **INFERIORS!**

THIS IS THE SEASON TO GIVE A THOUGHT TO YOU **LESS FORTUNATE** ONES!

I'M NOT FORGETTING THE UNDERPRIVILEGED!

SLAP!!!

I AM GIVING YOU MY BEST GIRL! **VERONICA!**

M-MERRY CHRISTMAS, OL' PAL!

SNIFF!

NOW JUST HOLD ON A MINUTE, YOU OVER-INFLATED BAG OF HOT AIR!

YOU'RE NOT THROWING **ME** A BONE, LIKE SOMEBODY'S OLD HOUND DOG!

YOU CAN KEEP YOUR OLD GIRL! I DON'T NEED ANY HANDOUTS FROM YOU!!

I WOULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING FROM YOU IF YOU HANDED IT TO ME ON A SILVER PLATTER!!

"INFERIOR!" HAH! "UNDERPRIVILEGED!" - HAH!

MMPH! ARCHIE, THAT WAS THE STINGIEST BIT OF GENEROSITY I'VE EVER SEEN!

HYUK! I WISH I COULD SEE HIM AFTER HE COOLS DOWN AND STARTS TO THINK!

(SIGH) - BETTY! I'VE FINALLY DECIDED WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS!

WHAT'S THAT, REGGIE?

- A SHOVE!

LIL JINX

BULLS-EYE!

WHOMP

GRRRR

SNOW FLAKY!

CAN'T YOU KIDS DO SOMETHING BESIDES TOSSING SNOWBALLS?

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE **NEW SLEDS** YOU GOT?

AW! THEY'RE NO GOOD!

WE HAVE **NO HILLS** TO GO SLIDING DOWN!

WELL, I'M SURE YOU CAN PUT ALL **THIS ENERGY** TO BETTER USE!

IN FACT, I JUST HEARD THE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO GIVE OUT **PRIZES** FOR THE BEST SNOW SCULPTURES!

PRIZES? MMMM...

LET'S TRY IT!

LATER...

MMMM... I CAN'T SEEM TO THINK OF *AN IDEA* -- I'LL TAKE A WALK AND SEE *WHAT THE OTHERS ARE MAKING*--

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING, ROZ?

A *PEACE* SYMBOL BUT...

BUT I'M HAVING ***TROUBLE***... IT WON'T STAY *TOGETHER*! *IT KEEPS FALLING*---

PAT

...*APART*!

FLOOMP

HEH! HEH! I GUESS IT'S LIKE *REAL PEACE*--- IT WINDS UP *IN* ***PIECES***!

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING, GREG?

A SUBMARINE!

IT'S TOO BIG - I'M HAVING TROUBLE 'CAUSE OF IT!

WHOMP

GRRR... THAT'S THE THIRD TIME IT FELL APART!!

MMMM... NOBODY SEEMS TO BE HAVING MUCH LUCK WITH THEIR SNOW SCULPTURE...

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WHY DON'T WE POOL OUR TALENTS??

WE'LL BUILD SOMETHING BIG--REAL BIG!!

BUT WHAT?

A BIG, GIANT SNOW MAN!

TERRIFIC! LET'S START ROLLING---

LATER...

WHEW! IT'S FINISHED!

IT SURE IS BIG!

I CAN'T WAIT TILL TOMORROW--WHEN THE JUDGES ARE COMING!

THAT NIGHT IT STARTED SNOWING AND

... ALONG CAME THE SNOW PLOWS TOSSING THE SNOW TO THE SIDE---

RRRRR

YIPE! THE SNOW PLOW RUINED OUR SNOW MAN!

WELL... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIX IT IN TIME FOR THE CONTEST!

I'M SORRY, KIDS! IT'S A SHAME--AFTER ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!

ALL YOU HAVE IS A BIG HILL OF SNOW --- AND NO PRIZE...

?

DON'T WORRY, DADDY! WE GOT OUR PRIZE!

...A PERFECT HILL FOR SLEDDING...

WHEEEEE..

END

PUZZLERS

HERE IS SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT TO LI'L JINX AND HER GANG! IF HE SAYS THE RIGHT WORDS HE CAN MAKE THEM HAPPY! FIND OUT WHO IT IS BY FILLING IN THE ODD NUMBERED SQUARES!
TWO-WAY PUZZLES CAN BE READ THE SAME ACROSS AND DOWN! TRY IT!
A.
1. OPPOSITE OF BOTTOM
2. THE LOWEST NUMBER
3. DOGS OR CATS
B.
1. ARCHIE'S ___ HOUSE
2. TO EMPLOY
3. OPPOSITE OF OLD
CAN YOU ADD ONE LETTER TO THIS ANIMAL'S NAME AND REARRANGE THE LETTERS TO NAME ANOTHER ANIMAL?
OIL BEAR

Archie IN "TOY TRIUMPH"

WHAT'S THAT, ARCH?

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR MY LITTLE COUSIN, STANLEY!

ROBOT CONTROL

BOY! THE THINGS THEY MAKE FOR KIDS THESE DAYS!

WHY THIS THING IS AN ELECTRONIC MARVEL! -IT'S PRACTICALLY HUMAN!

SAY! LEND ME A QUID, JOCKO!

I INSULTED IT!

THEY FEED IT ALL SORTS OF INFORMATION AT THE FACTORY!

CLANK! CLANK!

-NOW IT PRACTICALLY THINKS FOR ITSELF!

I DON'T SUPPOSE IT WOULD RUSTLE ME UP A SNACK?

HERE! WILL THIS DO?

YOU'RE PEACHY, ARCH!

THARRK

ARCHIE! JUGHEAD! COME HELP ME IN THE GARAGE!!

THAT'S MOM'S VOICE! C'MON JUG! SOMETHING'S WRONG!

IT SURE SOUNDED LIKE MOM!

BUT SHE'S NOT EVEN HOME, SO HOW COULD...

...HEY! M-MY FOOD!

IT WAS HIM! HE USED MOM'S VOICE!!

HE'S A CHOW HOUND LIKE YOU!

I'LL PAY FOR THIS, ARCH! - BETTER YOU SHOULD BUY STANLEY A FOOTBALL!

HUH? -WHA-? I DON'T SEE ANY....

BEE YOW!

WAK!

HA, HA, HEE, HA! JUG! YOU'RE BEING OUTSMARTED BY A BUCKET OF BOLTS!!

I'VE GOT TO SHOW THIS TO VERONICA!

I THINK YOU OUGHT TO GET RID OF IT!

THEY'VE CARRIED TOY MAKING TOO FAR!

(GASP)- ARCHIEKINS! HE'S ABSOLUTELY ENTRANCING!

HE'S SHARP, TOO!

YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT ALL THE HUMAN QUALITIES THEY BUILT INTO THAT MONSTER!

"HUMAN QUALITIES?" NOW REALLY, ARCHIE, I...

BOING!

SMERP!

EEP!

VAMOOSE, YOU TIN-CAN CASANOVA! YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME!

WHRRRRR

HUH?

TAP! TAP!

EEYIPE!

RUINED! - MY NEW CLUBS!! WHO DID THIS?

AHA!

SLAM

BOY! - IF THERE'S ANYTHING I HATE IT'S A SMART ALECK TOY!

THE END

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I'd like a boat and a color T.V.!
But keep all this fast and free
if you'll make me friends with
Veronica's *dad*!
Sincerely,

2.

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YOU CAN DO THIS FOR ME,
LOCK ARCHIE UP AND
THROW AWAY THE KEY!
REGARDS,

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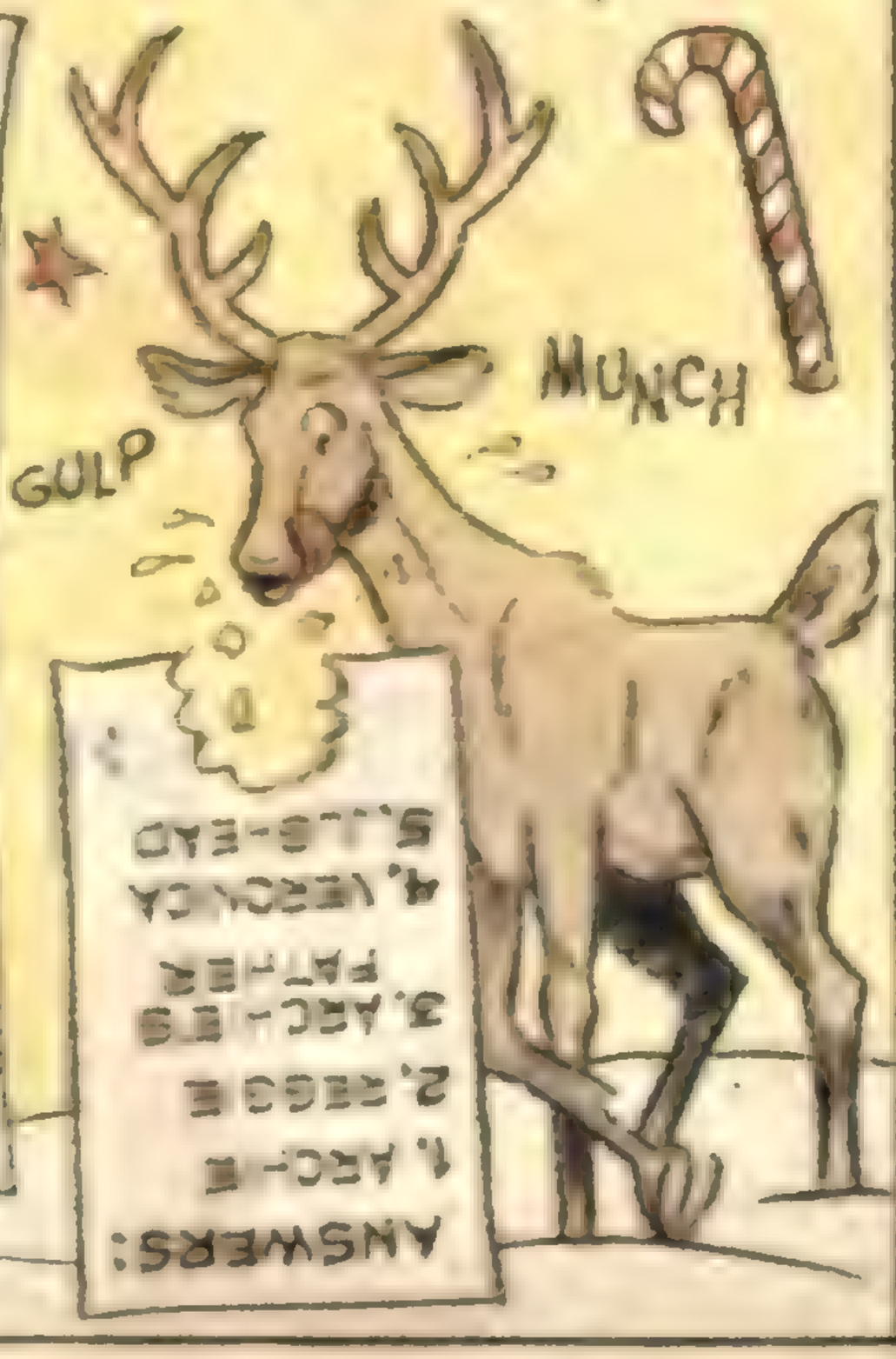

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3.

Dear Santa,
I have a cat—it's very old.
But it likes to play in back.
I could if you would
send my son
Polly flies one
o' Jack!

Respectfully

4.

Oh dear Santa
dear Dear!
I'm so patient as
Job!
But do hurry
and send my
new Paris wardrobe!
With Love
XXXX

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GULP

MUNCH

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Betty and Veronica

"IDIOT'S DELIGHT"

OCH, ROBBIE, THEY'RE WORKS OF ART!

THANK YOU! AND I GOT JUGGIE A NEW WALLET, AND A GORGEOUS BELT FOR REGGIE!

GOSH! YOU ALWAYS PICK THE PERFECT GIFT, HON-BUN!

YOU CERTAINLY DO! I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED TO WRAP MINE YET!

I GOT A BEAUTIFUL PINK SWEATER FOR REGGIE! AND WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE POLO MALLET I GOT JUGGIE!

PINK SWEATER? POLO MALLET?

ARE YOU **CRAZY?**

WHY BETTY! WHAT A HORRIBLE CHOICE OF GIFTS!

T-THEY WON'T **LIKE** THEM?

DOLL BABY WE CAN'T LET HER DO IT!

NOT IF THE REST OF THEM ARE THAT BAD!

(SIGH!) COME ON, HOPELESS! WE'VE GOT SOME EXCHANGING TO DO!

OH GOLLY! YOU'LL **HELP** ME?

TSK! THAT GIRL HAS A VACUUM IN HER HEAD!

THE ORIGINAL DUMB BLONDE!

MAN! WHAT A MOB! ISN'T IT AWFUL?

OH I DON'T KNOW!

STICK CLOSE NOW! DON'T GET LOST!

TEE HEE! ARE YOU KIDDING?

WHEW! HOME AT LAST! WHAT A DAY!

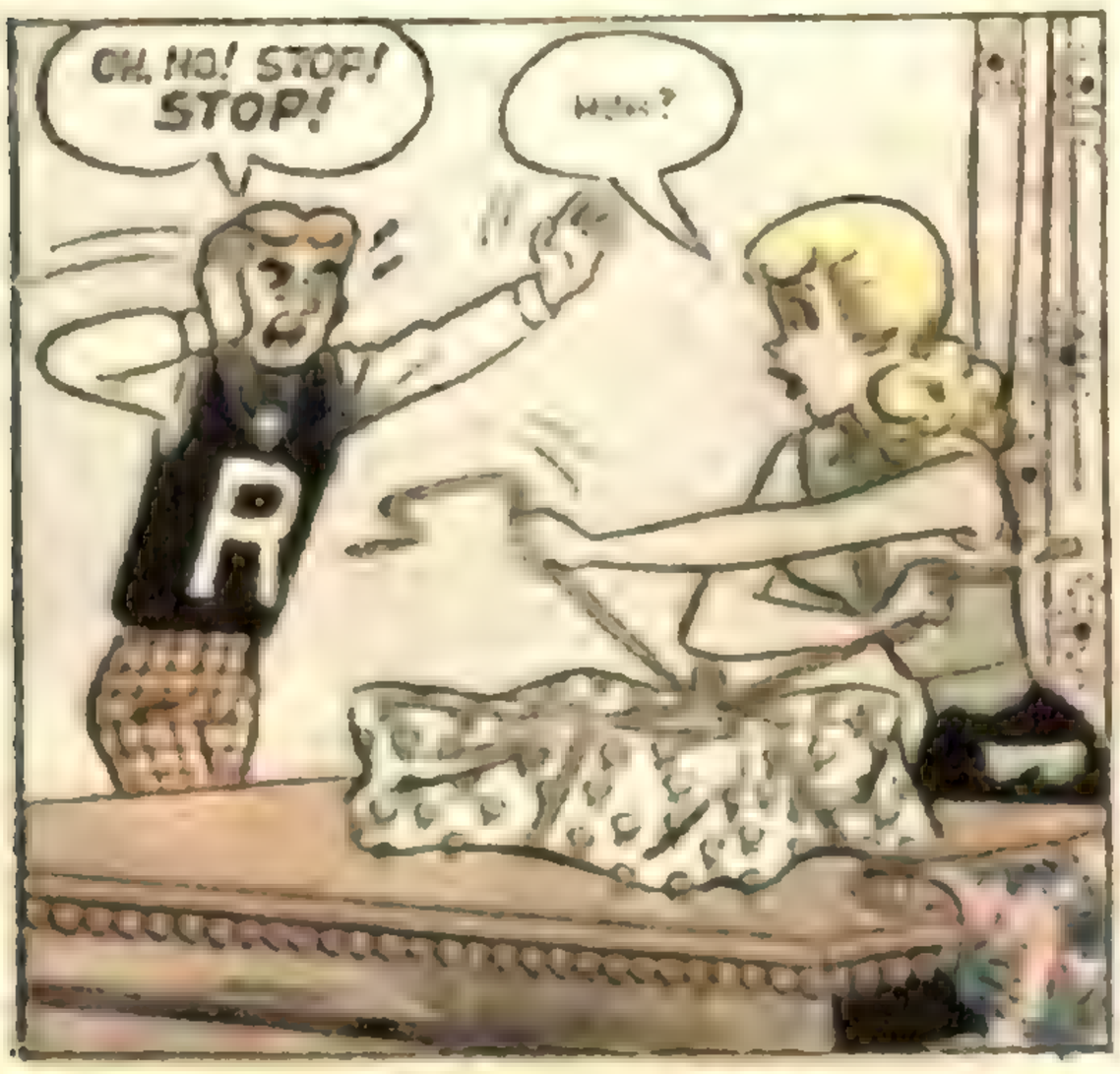
(SIGH!) YES! WASN'T IT?

GOLLY, ARCHIEKINS! YOU'VE BEEN WONDERFUL! SUCH GOOD TASTE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU!

AW SHUCKS, BETTY! IT WAS NOTHING!

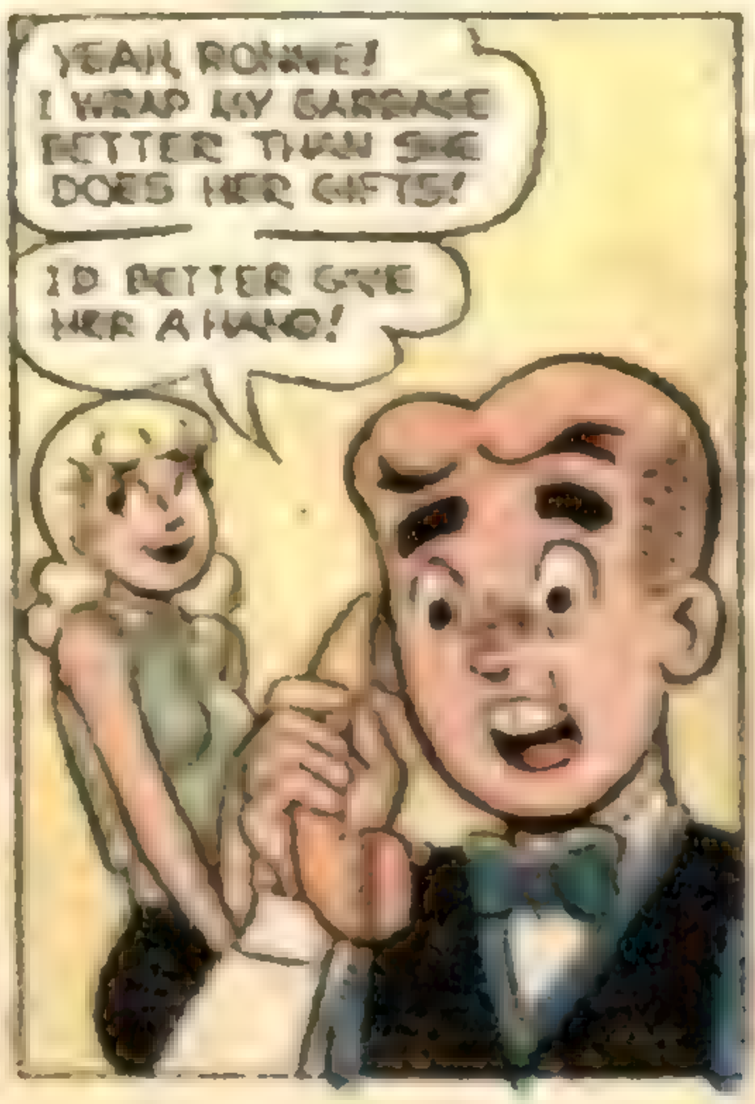
WELL YOU JUST REST THERE NOW, WHILE I START WRAPPING!
R

OH, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS!


OH, NO! STOP! STOP!
HUH?
R

FOR PETE'S SAKE, BETTY! LOOK AT THE MESS YOU'RE MAKING!
HMM! IT'S NOT VERY NEAT, IS IT?

GOLLY! I WISH I HAD RONNIE'S TOUCH!
CHEE! WHAT A FEMALE!


YEAH, RONNIE! I WRAP MY GARBAGE BETTER THAN SHE DOES HER GIFTS!
I'D BETTER GIVE HER A HAND!

TSK! POOR ARCHIE! HE'LL HAVE TO WRAP ALL THOSE GIFTS FOR THAT

THAT NIGHT!

OOH, ARCHIE! THINK ENOUGH HOW DO YOU DO IT?

LET'S HAVE THE SCHOOLING!

WHEW! AND THAT'S ONLY HALF OF THEM!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TONIGHT, ARCHIE KING!

WE CAN FINISH THE REST TOMORROW NIGHT!

WELL, OH, ALL (RIGHT) OKAY! I GUESS I'D BETTER SWEAT IT OUT!

YUK, YUK! HONESTLY, DUD-LAKE! YOU SHOULD SEE HER TRY TO WRAP A PACKAGE!

BAD, EH?

SHE CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU!

OH, ARCHIE! YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT!

NO, NO! SOME GIRLS GOT IT AND SOME DON'T! YOU'VE GOT IT!

WHY THANK YOU!

WELL, I WON'T SEE YOU TONIGHT EITHER! IF SHE TRIES TO FINISH THAT WRAPPING SHE'S SURE TO MAKE A BOTCH OF IT!

IT SURE IS A NUISANCE, SWEETIE-PIE! IF SHE WASN'T YOUR BEST FRIEND I WOULDN'T EVEN BOTHER!

ARCHIE, YOU'RE SWEET!

WELL, BETTY! THAT DOES IT!

GEE, ARCHIE, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU!

NOW ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS DECORATE THE TREE!

YOU RELAX WHILE I DO THIS!

JUST FOR A MINUTE! I'M, DUE AT RONNIE'S!

OH, NO!

SHE'S GOT TEN LITTLE FINGERS, RONNIE, AND ALL OF THEM **THUMBS!**

THE TREE, TOO, EH?

THE POOR THING OBVIOUSLY HASN'T A SMIDGIN OF TALENT, ARCHIE! YOU MAY AS WELL SEE THE JOB THROUGH!

DADDY WILL HELP ME WITH **OUR** TREE!

ARCHIE'S NOT COMING!

NO WAY! HE'S ALL TIED UP WITH THAT CLUMSY IDIOT BETTY!

SHE'S JUST **HELPLESS!** ARCHIE SAYS SHE CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO **ME!**

ONE DAY FOR SHOPPING, TWO NIGHTS OF WRAPPING, NOW DECORATING THE TREE!

POOR ARCHIE!

YOU LEARNED HOW TO WRAP AND DECORATE IN SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU? HOW COME BETTY WASN'T IN ON THOSE LESSONS?

HMM? THAT'S RIGHT! NOW WHERE WAS BETTY WHEN.....

....EE **YIPE!**

SHE WAS TEACHING THAT CLASS!

VERONICA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ISN'T THAT THE NECKLACE YOU BOUGHT BETTY?

IT'S **MINE,** NOW!

THAT SCHEMING WENCH HAS **GOTTEN** HER CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM **ME!**

THE END

Betty and Veronica

IN

"TO SKI OR NOT TO SKI"

Archie

"The Red, Red Ribbon"

NO DATE TONIGHT, SON?

HAVE YOU SEEN THAT *BLIZZARD*?

I WON'T GET *TEN* FEET!

HMPH! YOU'RE GOING TO LET A LITTLE *SNOW* STOP YOU?

THEY SURE DON'T MAKE KIDS LIKE THEY *USED* TO!

RIIIP

VERONICA!

ARCHIE, I'M WRAPPING CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND I SIMPLY MUST HAVE A SHIRT BOX!
DO YOU HAVE ONE?
I THINK SO, LAMBIE!

I KNOW THE WEATHER IS FRIGHTFUL, BUT WOULD YOU BE AN ANGEL AND BRING IT OVER, ARCHIEKINS? PLEASE?

MOM! WHERE'S THAT SHIRT BOX YOU BROUGHT HOME THE OTHER DAY?
Z?
WOOSH!

SWOOSH!

HMM? I GUESS THEY DO MAKE THEM LIKE THEY USED TO!

GASP!

BLAM! BANG!

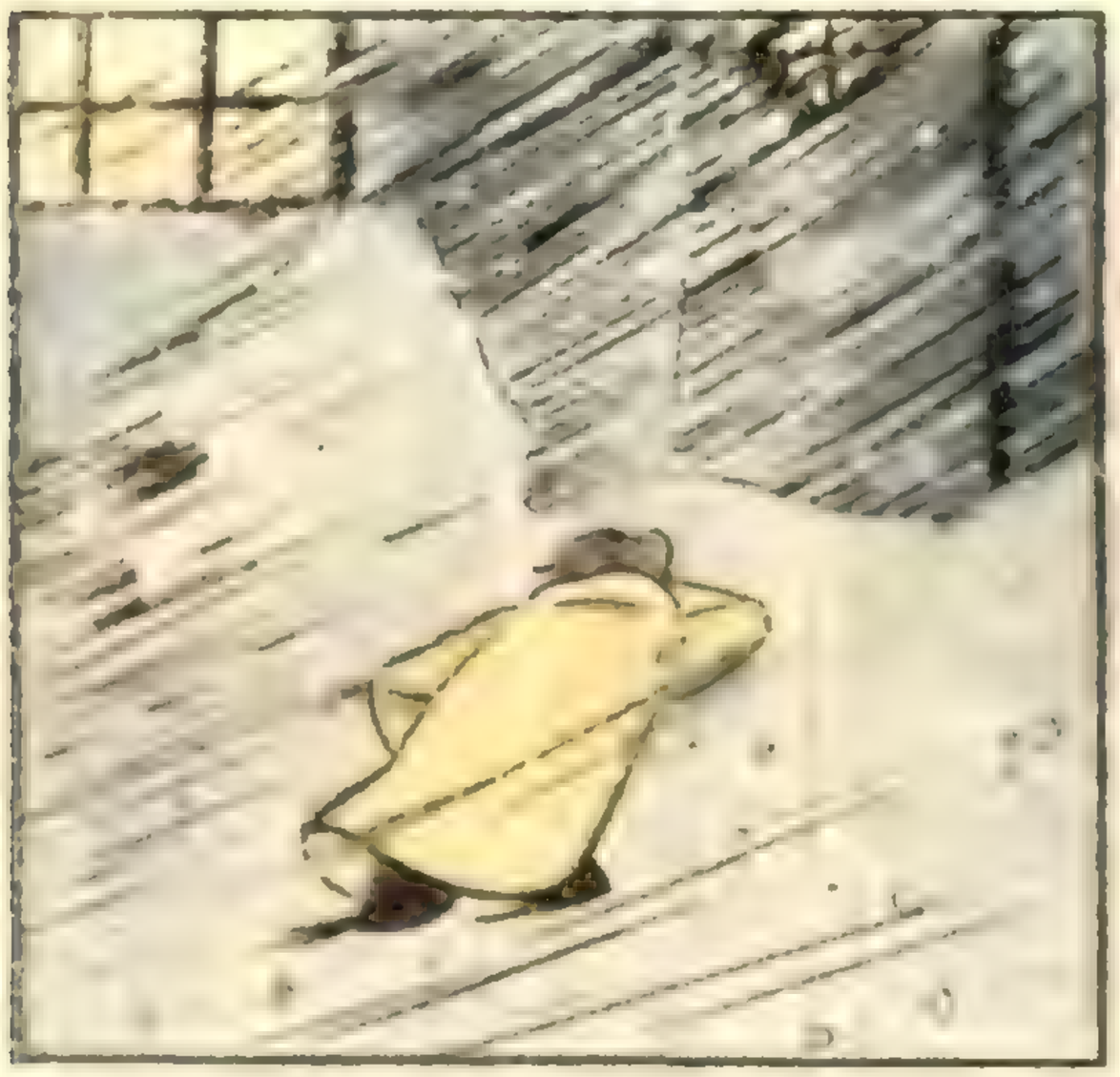
WHAT KEPT YOU?

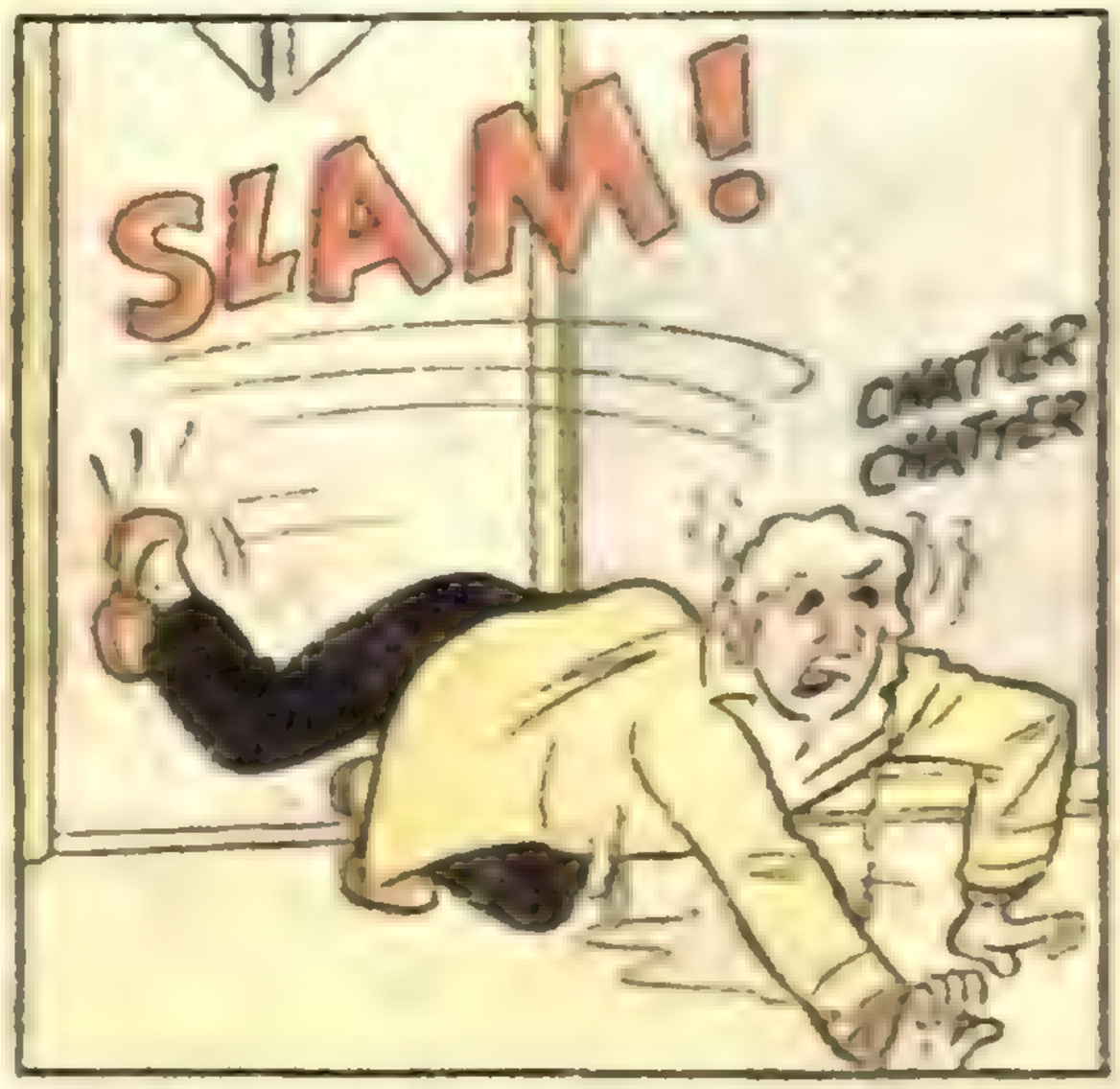
EEP! ARCHIE!

CLUMSY! YOU MIGHT HAVE CRUSHED THE BOX!

THIS IS JUST
RIGHT ARCHIEKINS!
--THANKS!

SLAM!

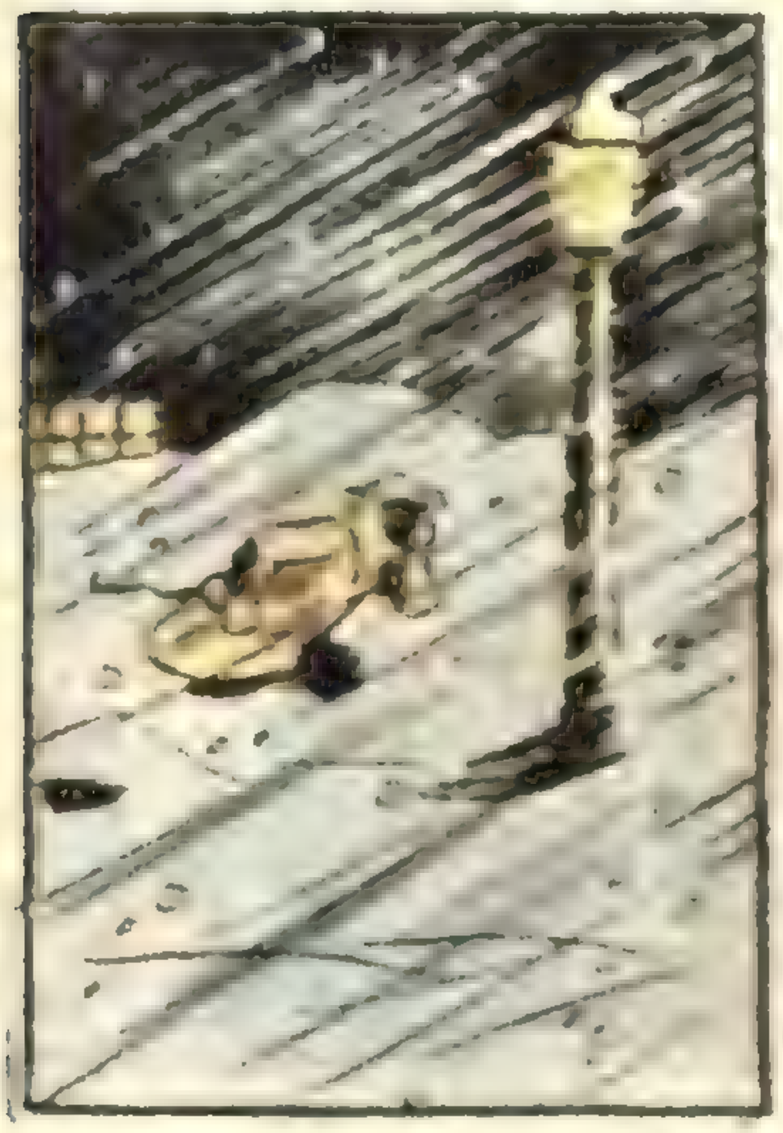



SLAM!
CHATTER
CHATTER

VERONICA CALLED AGAIN WHILE YOU WERE OUT, SON!
YEAH? S'NICE!

SHE NEEDS SOME RED RIBBON AND WANTS YOU TO BRING IT OVER!

RED RIBBON! SHE NEEDS RED RIBBON!



BING! BONG!
THAT MUST BE ARCHIE!

ARCHIEKINS, YOU'RE A DOLL! --THANKS!

SORRY I CAN'T INVITE YOU IN, BUT GIFT WRAPPING IS A PRIVATE AFFAIR!

NEXT MORNING—

MY, DIDN'T IT SNOW LAST NIGHT! I WONDER HOW *DEEP* IT IS?

ARCHIE!--HERE SO *SOON*? AREN'T YOU THE IMPATIENT ONE, THOUGH!

JUST CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT I GOT YOU FOR CHRISTMAS, EH? ALL RIGHT! --COME ALONG!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, ARCHIEKINS!--AND I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THIG BEAUTIFUL *WRAPPING!*

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THE TROUBLE *I* WENT TO, TO GET THAT *JUST RIGHT!*

(SIGH!) SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY I *BOTHER!* --IT'S ALL WASTED ON *YOU!*

Li'l Jinx

YOU'LL GET A BANG OUT OF THIS !!

BOY, I GOT A TERRIFIC CHRISTMAS PRESENT, LI'L JINX!

A WOODWORKING SET THAT COMES WITH A HAMMER AND A SAW..

A HAMMER...? ...AND... SAW? HMMM...

THEN YOU'LL BE NEEDING WHAT I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS!

WHAT IS IT, LI'L JINX?

I'LL BE RIGHT OVER TO SHOW IT TO YOU, GREG!

A NURSE'S FIRST AID KIT!!

END

"OH Betty, I'm so thrilled," Veronica bubbled. "I got the most beautiful dress for your Christmas party. Would you like to see it?"

"I'd love to, Veronica."

Veronica rushed to her closet and fished through the hundreds of garments she had hanging there. Mr. Lodge swore that she had more dresses in her closet than the dress shop had in stock. At last Veronica brought out her latest and flourished it proudly at Betty.

The eager smile on Betty's face suddenly vanished. It was replaced by pain and then anguish. "Veronica. You can't wear that dress to my party," she howled. "I bought one exactly like it that I was planning to wear."

"What . . . !" Veronica shrieked. "Don't you dare wear the same dress I do, Betty Cooper."

"But Veronica. You've got loads of dresses to pick from. I've only got this one new. I can't afford to buy another one."

"I don't care. I like this one. And if you wear yours, I just won't come to your party."

Betty stiffened. Her eyes shot sparks. "All right. Then don't come. I bought the dress first and I'm going to wear it. You're just plain mean, Veronica Lodge."

"All right. You can wear your old dress and I won't come. I'll have a Christmas party of my own and I'll invite Archie," Veronica seethed.

"Veronica. You wouldn't dare.

Archie has already accepted my invitation. He wouldn't turn me down now."

"Oh, wouldn't he? . . . We'll see about that."

Betty walked out of Veronica's house, her chin high. But it wasn't long before it fell. And what a fall. Clean down to the floor. Her eyes started to fill up as she realized what would happen. Veronica held the whip hand. Archie would never be able to refuse her. And without Archie, her own party would be ruined. She tried to tell herself that Archie wouldn't have the nerve to stand her up at this late date. Archie was too much a gentleman. Archie had too much character. Archie was too considerate. Then she suddenly had a vision of Veronica snuggling her beautiful head on Archie's shoulder, gazing at him soulfully with those big, blue eyes and trilling, "Archiekins, you'll come to my party, won't you, lambie pie?"

"No," Betty moaned, "Archie is a dead duck. I'll have a perfectly miserable Christmas party this year without him." Betty ran into her

house, threw herself on her bed and cried her heart out in her pillow.

Came the day of the party and Betty was trimming the Christmas tree and getting things ready for the big party that night. She was about as enthusiastic as a cow being led to the slaughter. Veronica hadn't phoned since their tiff. But worse still, neither had Archie. It was now a certainty that tonight was to be an Archie-less party. All week long, she had seen Archie trailing around with Veronica. He with that silly, love-sick look on his face and she hanging on to his arm like a drowning sailor to a life raft. Looking at him in that sultry way that made his adam's apple go up and down like a yo-yo and his eyeballs go "tilt."

Tonight was definitely going to be a complete and unadulterated washout.

If any last lingering hope had remained, it gradually grew smaller and smaller and finally disappeared completely when one by one all the gang arrived and still no Archie.

The kids were really whooping it up, dancing, singing, shouting, exchanging presents. But Betty might just as well have been on a desert island for all the people she saw.

Suddenly she felt a pair of lips on her cheek. Somebody was kissing her. She turned. Looked. Gasped. And almost fainted. There was a smiling Archie.

"Hiya, Betty. Mind my kissing you —I'm allowed to, you know. You're standing under the mistletoe."

"Oh, Archie," Betty said, her voice choked with relief. "You did come."

"Why sure I came. You invited me, didn't you?"

" Of course. But Veronica, didn't she . . . that is . . . I mean . . ."

"Oh you mean that silly idea she had about making another party and inviting me. Sure she said something about that. But what kind of a heel do you think I am anyway, Betty? You didn't think I'd stand you up like that do you?"

"I—I—n-no. Of course not, Archie. I knew you wouldn't do that. But Veronica, well, she's not coming and . . ."

"Who said I'm not coming, Betty?"

Betty turned again. This time it was Veronica standing there. And wearing a different dress.

"Gee, I'm sorry I was so mean, Betty. Making such a fuss over a silly dress. I actually tried to take Archie away from your party. But he laced it into me. And I deserved it. You'll forgive me, won't you?"

"And you're still under the mistletoe, Betty," Archie said, and planted another kiss on her cheek.

All Betty could say between crying and laughing at the same time was, "There really is a Santa Claus."

Jughead

SIGN AND RESIGN

RRING!

YIPE! BACK, MR. FLUTE SNOOT, BACK!

HUH?

THAT WAS THE **LUNCH** BELL! JUGHEAD WILL STREAK AROUND THAT CORNER ANY SECOND!

IT'S **SUICIDE** TO STAND IN THE OPEN WHEN HE'S ON THE WAY TO **LUNCH!**

A PERFECT STRIKE! GET 'EM UP IN THE NEXT ALLEY!

(GULP!) HE'S GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!

THIS IS UNHEARD OF! I MUST INVESTIGATE!

(GROAN!) THE PLEASURE IS ALL YOURS!

HE WOULDN'T BE IN THE SHOP! HE SURELY WOULDN'T BE WORKING ON HIS LUNCH..

SHOP

EGAD! IT IS JUGHEAD!

ER, JUGHEAD! THIS IS YOUR LUNCH HOUR!

NO TIME FOR THAT, SIR!

YOU POOR BOY! YOU'RE ILL!

OH NO SIR! I JUST HAVE BUSINESS COMMITMENTS!

I'M IN THE SIGN PAINTING GAME!

Merry Xmas

CHRISTMAS IS MY BUSIEST SEASON!

WHY, JUGHEAD! THEY'RE QUITE GOOD!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

BY GEORGE! I'VE JUST HAD A BRILLIANT IDEA!

SOUNDS LIKE WHAT PUBLICITY FOR THE SCHOOL NEEDS! LISTEN CAREFULLY
YES SIR?

WHAT WOULD YOU CHARGE TO PAINT A BIG GREETING ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL?

MMM'...LET'S SEE! IT'D HAVE TO BE ABOUT A HUNDRED FEET LONG!

IT'LL TAKE ALL WEEK! I'D SAY FIFTY BUCKS!

HI, JUG! HI, MR. WEATHERBEE!
HIYA, MOOSE!

TSK TSK!
HAPPY NEW YEAR

D-UH' JUGHEAD, WHUT'D YOU PAINT THIS HERE SIGN WITH -- A TOOTHBRUSH?

EGAD! HE HANDLES A BRUSH WITH ALL THE CONFIDENCE AND GRACE OF A REMBRANDT!

BIG MOOSE IS MY ASSISTANT!

WHAT DOES HE DO?

HE'S A BORN ARTIST! HE DOES ALL THE FINE PAINTING!

HE MAKES THE WOODEN SIGNS IN THE SHOP! HE ALSO MIXES THE PAINT! HE DELIVERS AND HANGS THE SIGNS!

AND WHAT DO YOU DO?

ME? I OWN THE BUSINESS!

I HANDLE THE MONEY!

HMM!

MOOSE! I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU, PRIVATELY!

D-LH! SURE!

WOW! TWENTY FIVE BUCKS! JEG' FOR A LITTLE OL' HUNDRED FOOT SIGN?

HEH, HEH! OUTSMARTED YOU THAT TIME, DIDN'T I JUGHEAD?

YES SIR! YOU'RE A SHREWD ONE, SIR!

MOOSE JUST CALLED ME TO SAY HE F#@$HED THE SIGN AND HUNG IT!

I'VE INVITED THE MAYOR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO COME SEE THE SIGN!..

AND THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER HAS PROMISED TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER THERE FOR SOME PUBLICITY!

EGAD! THIS WILL PUT US ON THE MAP! WE MIGHT EVEN MAKE THE NATIONAL MAGAZINES!

HEE,HEE! POOR MOOSE! ALL THAT WORK FOR TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS!. AND JUGHEAD WANTED FIFTY!

I..ER..THINK I KNOW WHY MOOSE CAME SO CHEAP!

MERY KRIS/MIS ... HAPY NOO YEER

STOODINTS OV RIVERDAIL HI SKOOL

WEATHERBEE! WHY DON'T YOU TEACH YOUR STUDENTS TO SPELL?

Archie IN "MERRY MAIL"

I GET A CHARGE OUT OF READING ALL THESE CHRISTMAS CARDS!

HERE'S ONE FROM BETTY... ONE FROM VERONICA...

HA! HA! JUGGIE MUST HAVE TAKEN TIME OFF FROM HIS BURGERS TO SEND ME ONE!

...AND EVEN MISS GRUNDY SENT ONE!

...I WONDER WHAT SHE WROTE!

ARCHIE - WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE AS PALE AS A GHOST!

Season's Greetings

P.S. Final exams are coming soon, so don't forget to study over the holidays!

Betty and Veronica

'R IS FOR ROOKED'

G-GREATER LOVE HATH N-NO MAN!

THAN WHAT?

THAN THAT H-HE'D GO OUT IN A M-MISERABLE BLIZZARD LIKE THIS....

...JUST TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE GETTING ARCHIE FOR CHRISTMAS!

A GIFT!

I WALKED THROUGH MOUNTAINS OF SNOW ON AN EMPTY STOMACH FOR **THAT?**

LET'S SEE YOU!

LET'S SEE ME **WHAT?**

(GIGGLE)-W-WALK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!

IF I **MUST** LISTEN TO YOUR HORRIBLE HUMOR, AT LEAST PROVIDE ME WITH THE STRENGTH TO DO IT!

OKAY! GO OUT IN THE KITCHEN! GASTON WILL FILL OUT YOUR FRAIL, UNDERNOURISHED FRAME!

SO ARCHIE SENT YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT MISS RONNIE BOUGHT HIM, EH?

CHOMP CHOMP

YEAH! HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HELP HIM DECIDE WHAT TO GET **HER!**

PERHAPS I CAN HELP!

HUH?

MISS RONNIE USED THE KITCHEN PHONE THIS MORNING!

SHE CALLED GRIMBEL'S DEPARTMENT STORE!

-AND!

UH!

SHE ORDERED A BOY'S SWEATER WITH AN "**R**" ON IT!

THAT'S IT!

THAT'S PRACTICALLY ARCHIE'S TRADE MARK!

GOOD WORK, JUG! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!

IT WAS A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT!

A NEW SWEATER WITH THE SCHOOL LETTER, EH?

IT WAS COLDER THAN AN ESKIMO'S NOSE!

NO DOUBT IT'LL BE MUCH NICER THAN THIS OLD THING!

A GUY GETS HUNGRY MAKING A TREK LIKE THAT!

I'VE GOT IT!

GOOD! I'LL HAVE IT ON RYE, WITH JUST A TOUCH OF MUSTARD!

I'LL GO TO GRIMBEL'S AND ORDER THE SAME KIND OF SWEATER FOR RON!!

-A "HIS" AND "HERS!"

HOW ABOUT MINE?

MISS VERONICA LODGE ORDERED A SWEATER THIS MORNING! A BOY'S SWEATER WITH AN "R" ON IT!

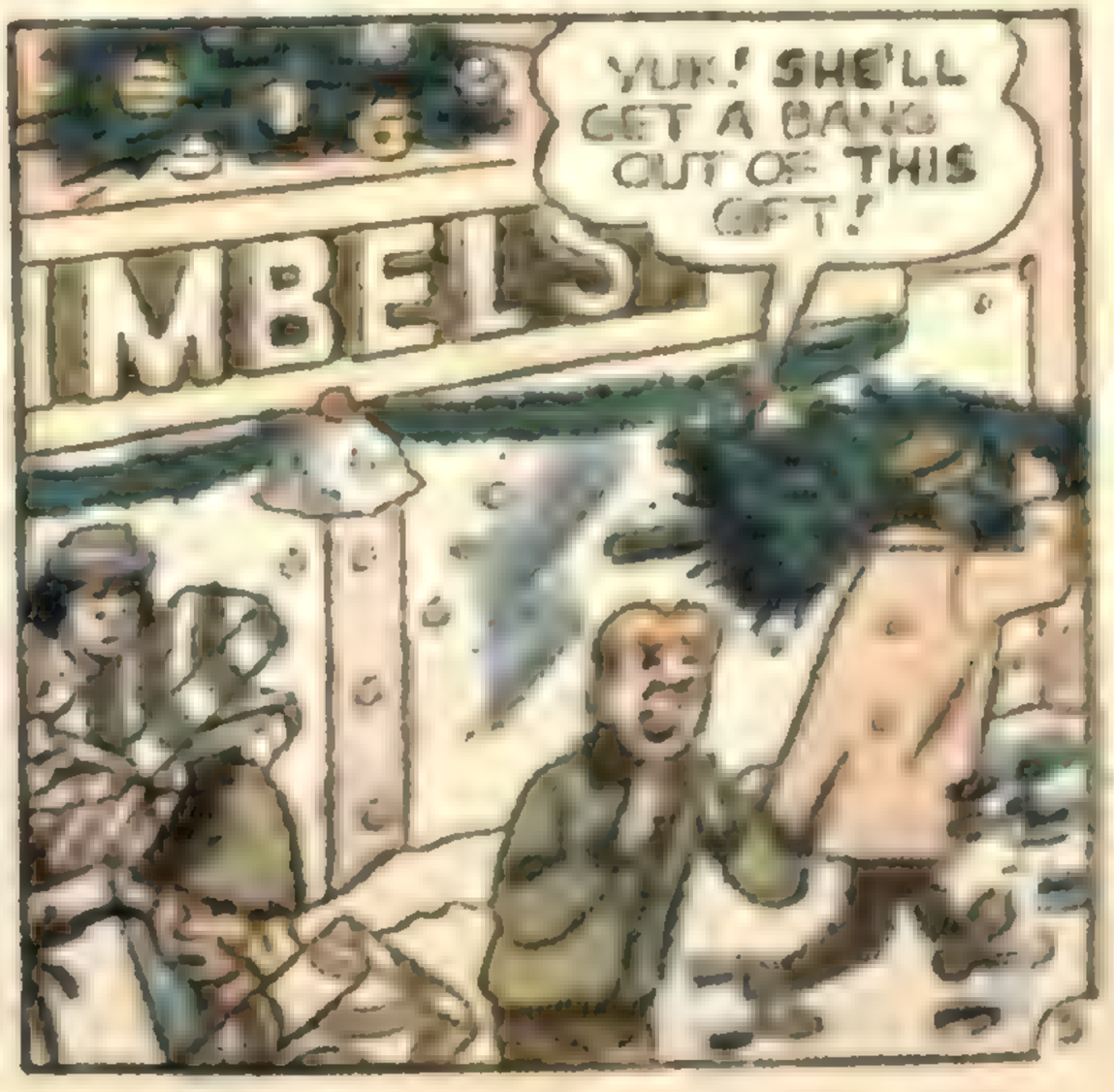
NOW, NOW, SON! WE CAN'T LET YOU PEEK AT YOUR GIFT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
OH, I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT!

I WANT YOU TO MAKE UP AN IDENTICAL ONE FOR MISS LODGE!

YES - WE CAN DO THAT!

- BUT WITH A "V" ON IT, OF COURSE!
NO!

THE "R" IS FOR RIVERDALE! WE BOTH GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL!
VERY WELL!


YUK! SHE'LL GET A BANG OUT OF THIS GIFT!
MBELS

CHRISTMAS DAY:

ARCHIE! HOW NICE OF YOU! BUT WHY THE "R?"

FOR RIVERDALE! JUST LIKE THE ONE **YOU** BOUGHT!

...LLY! THE "R" ON **MINE** WAS FOR "**REGGIE!**" I BOUGHT **YOU** CUFF LINKS!

HEY! WE'RE **A SET**, LOVER!

-AND YOU'RE EVEN WEARING **MY MONOGRAM!**

IMAGINE **YOU** GIVING SO MUCH TO YOUR WORST ENEMY!

SHUCKS, THAT'S NOTHING!

-WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT I'M GIVING MY ***BEST FRIEND!***

THE END

MOOSE

IN

"RINGING REMINDER"

HOW MANY XMAS SYMBOLS CAN YOU THINK OF, MOOSE?

D-UH, THERE'S HOLLY...CHRISTMAS TREES...AND WREATHS!

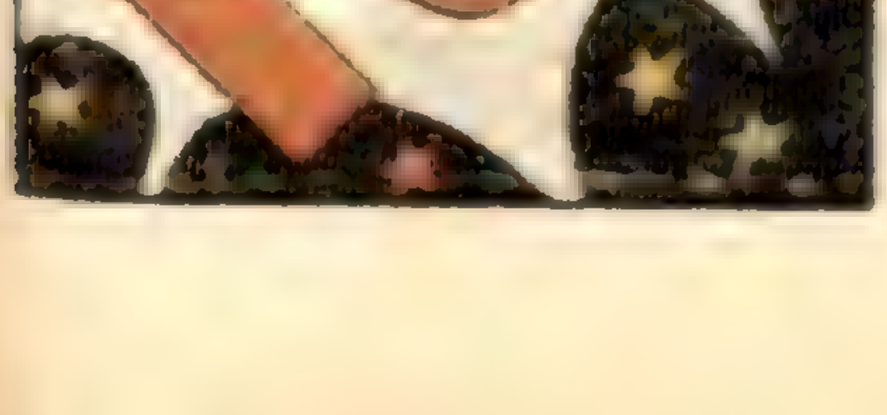
THERE'S ONE YOU FORGOT, MOOSE!

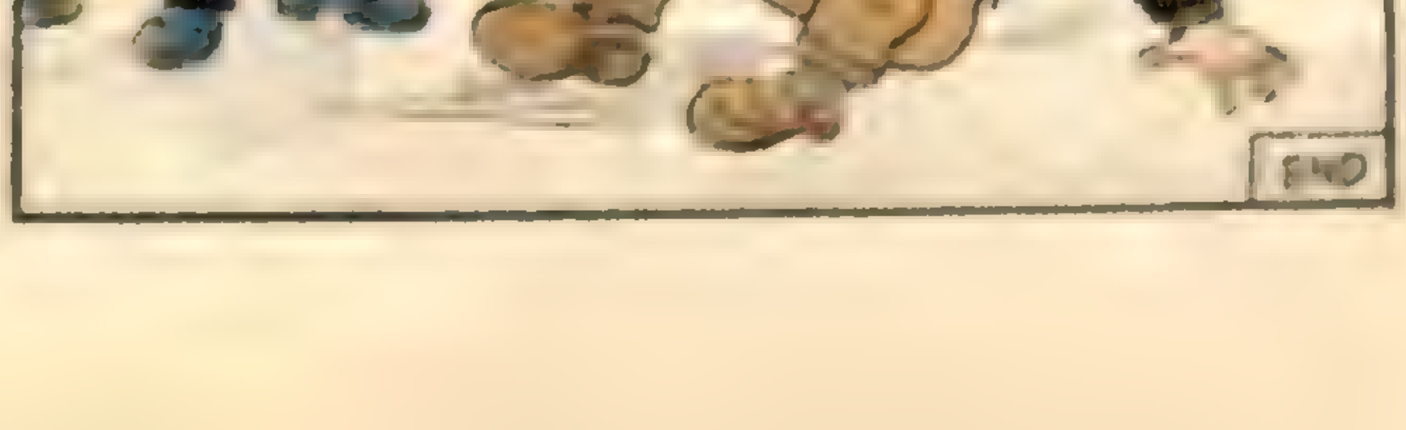
D-UH, WHICH ONE, REGGIE?

MISTLETOE!

SMACK!

THERE IS ONE YOU FORGOT ABOUT CHRISTMAS BELLS!!





Archie MONSTER Monopoly

MAN, I REALLY DIG MONSTER MOVIES!

SAME HERE!

I COULD SPEND ALL DAY WATCHING THEM!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL BE SPENDING ALL DAY- JUST LOOK AT THIS!

AT 2:00- "THE VAMPIRE RE-RETURNS" AND AT 3:30- "THE CREATURE FROM CANARSIE"!

OH BOY!

I'M ASHAMED AT YOU TWO WASTING YOUR TIME ON THIS MONSTER TRASH!

...RIGHT NOW- THE TWO OF YOU SHOULD BE OUTDOORS ENJOYING THIS WONDERFUL WINTER WEATHER!

...INSTEAD, YOU TWO ARE COOPED UP INDOORS!

...APPARENTLY, YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE DAYLIGHT JUST LIKE THOSE CRAZY VAMPIRE CHARACTERS!

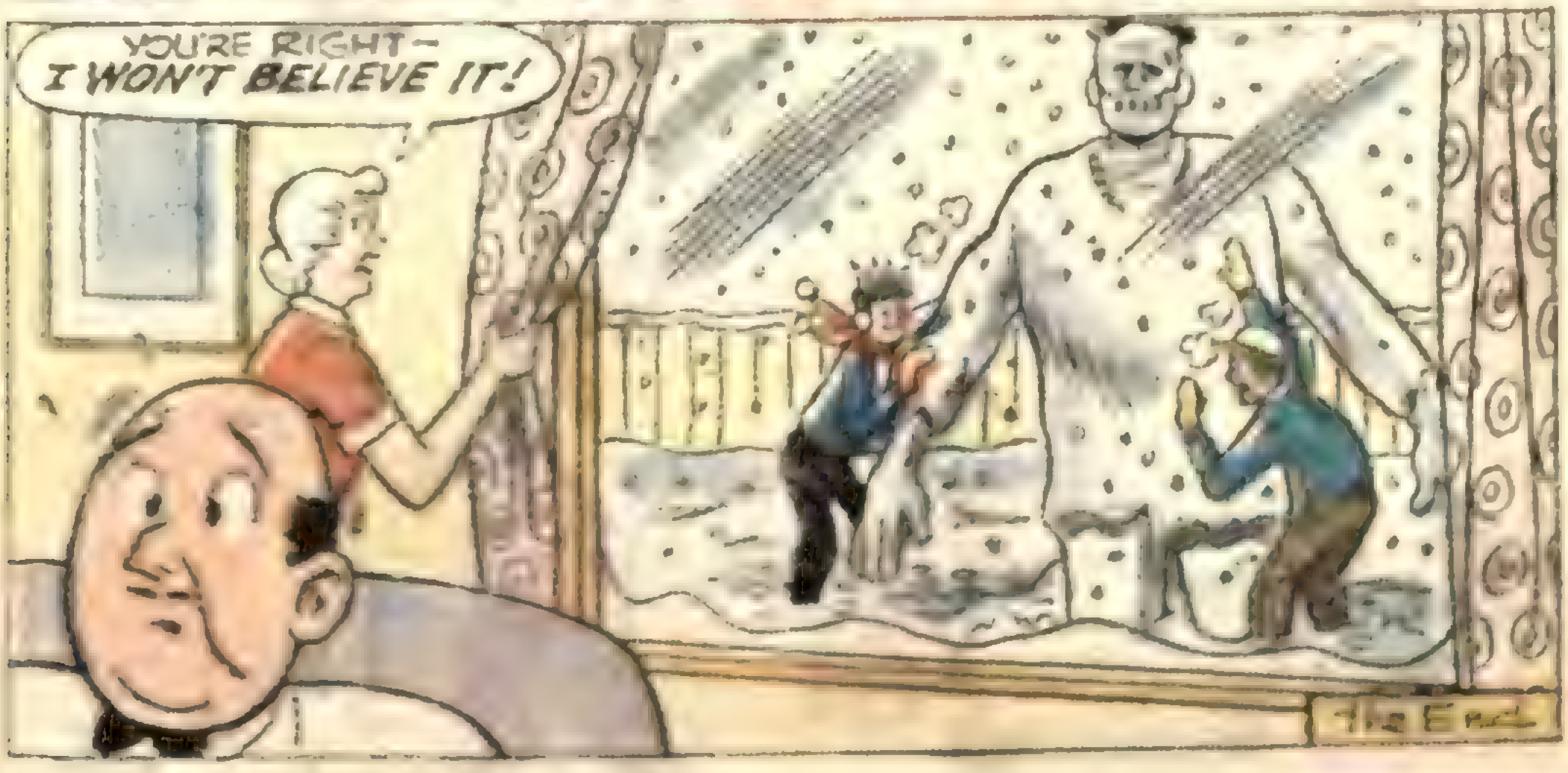
JUST I THINK MY DAD IS RIGHT!
YEAH, I THINK SO TOO!

C'MON! LETS GO OUT AND BUILD A SNOW MAN!
THAT REALLY IS A COOL IDEA!

WHAT ARE YOU SO PLEASED ABOUT?
I FINALLY GOT THE BOYS TO GO OUTDOORS

...BUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT I GOT THEM OFF THIS CRAZY HELICOPTER KICK!
YOU DIDE

YES! AND IT WAS SO EASY- YOU JUST WON'T BELIEVE IT!


YOU'RE RIGHT- I WON'T BELIEVE IT!

LI'L JINX

RETURN TO SENDER!

WELL, I'M FINISHED WRITING MY LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS!

DADDY! WOULD YOU PLEASE MAIL THIS FOR ME ON YOUR WAY TO WORK?

CERTAINLY!

SAY, CHUCK! YOU PASS THE MAIL-BOX ··· DO ME A FAVOR?

SURE THING!

LATER THAT DAY...

OH, MY! I FORGOT TO MAIL BILL'S LETTER!

GREGORY! PLEASE RUN DOWN AND MAIL THIS FOR ME!

HI, LI'L JINX! I HAVE TO GO PLAY BALL! CAN YOU DO ME AN IMPORTANT FAVOR?

GLAD TO, GREG!

? ? ?

END

Archie IN 'PICTURE FRAME'

WOW!

I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I NEVER WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN! I NEVER WANT TO HEAR OF YOU AGAIN!!

BETTY COOPER, FROM THIS MOMENT ON YOU CEASE TO EXIST FOR ME!!

LOOK AT THOSE SPARKS FLY! THEY SOUND LIKE THEY REALLY MEAN IT, THIS TIME!

Y-EAH! ISN'T IT AWFUL?

?

WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY?

I'M GOING TO SAVE MUCH LOOT ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

YOK! I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF FRAMED PICTURES OF ME, THAT POP PAID FOR!

UH, OH! YOU'LL WRITE, "ALL MY LOVE" ON BOTH OF THEM!

SURE! THEY'VE SPLIT, SO THEY'LL NEVER COMPARE!

YOU'RE SAVING MONEY AT THE RISK OF YOUR NECK!

NUTS! YOU HEARD THEM! THEY'RE THROUGH WITH EACH OTHER!

SOON:

MR. LODGE, WILL YOU HIDE THIS WITH YOUR GIFTS? I'D LIKE IT TO BE UNDER THE TREE ON CHRISTMAS MORNING!

(SIGH)-ALL RIGHT, ARCHIE! BUT I'M IN A HURRY! I'VE GOT TO GO OUT OF TOWN!

THANK YOU, SIR!

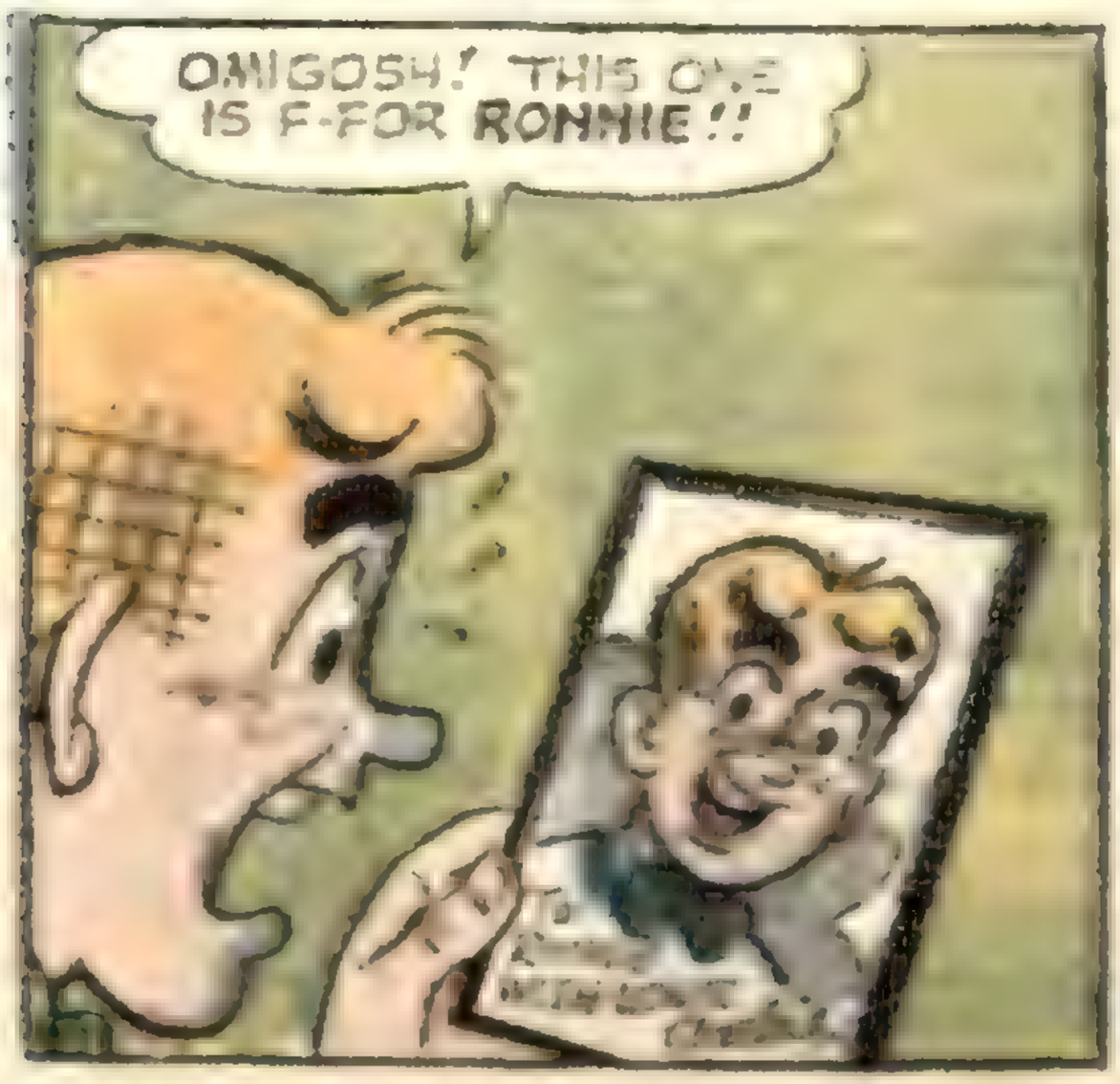
NOW TO GET BETTY'S MOTHER TO STASH THIS AWAY AND... OOPS!

UH OH! THE GLASS BROKE!

OH WELL! THAT'S EASY TO REPLACE

I PROBABLY HAVE ANOTHER PIECE OF GLASS DOWN IN THE

...YIPE!!!...


OMIGOSH! THIS ONE IS F-FOR RONNIE!!

(GULP)-T-THAT MEANS RON HAS ONE THAT SAYS,...(EEP)... TO BETTY, WITH ALL MY LOVE!!

...AND I GOT THEM MIXED UP, JUG! D-DO YOU KNOW WHAT **THAT** MEANS?

YEAH! THAT YOU FRAMED YOURSELF ONCE TOO OFTEN!

RON'S DAD IS AWAY ON A TRIP! BUT THAT PICTURE IS HIDDEN **SOMEWHERE** IN THE HOUSE!

HERE COMES THE PITCH!

I'LL KEEP VERONICA BUSY WHILE YOU SEARCH!

IT'S A CURVE, AS USUAL!

HEY! WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? IT'S **WRAPPED**, ISN'T IT?

SHUCKS, YOU CAN TELL A PICTURE, EVEN WITH WRAPPING ON!

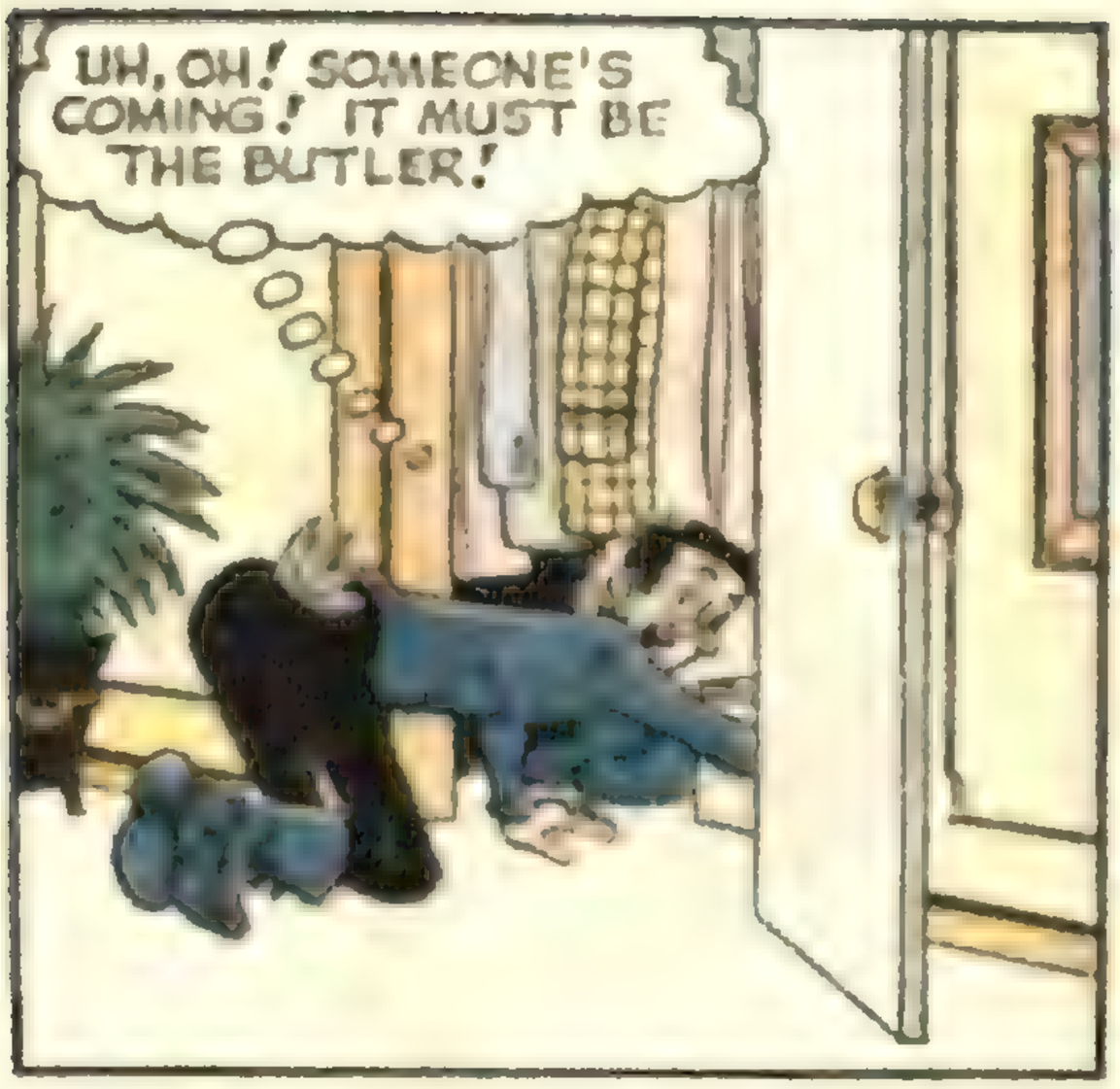
I'LL TRY!

HI, RON! HOW'S ABOUT TREATING A STARVING SUITOR TO A SNACK?

LET'S SEE WHAT THE REFRIGERATOR YIELDS!

ER-NOT ME! I'LL JUST HANG AROUND IN HERE!

NOW **THERE'S** ONE FOR THE BOOKS!

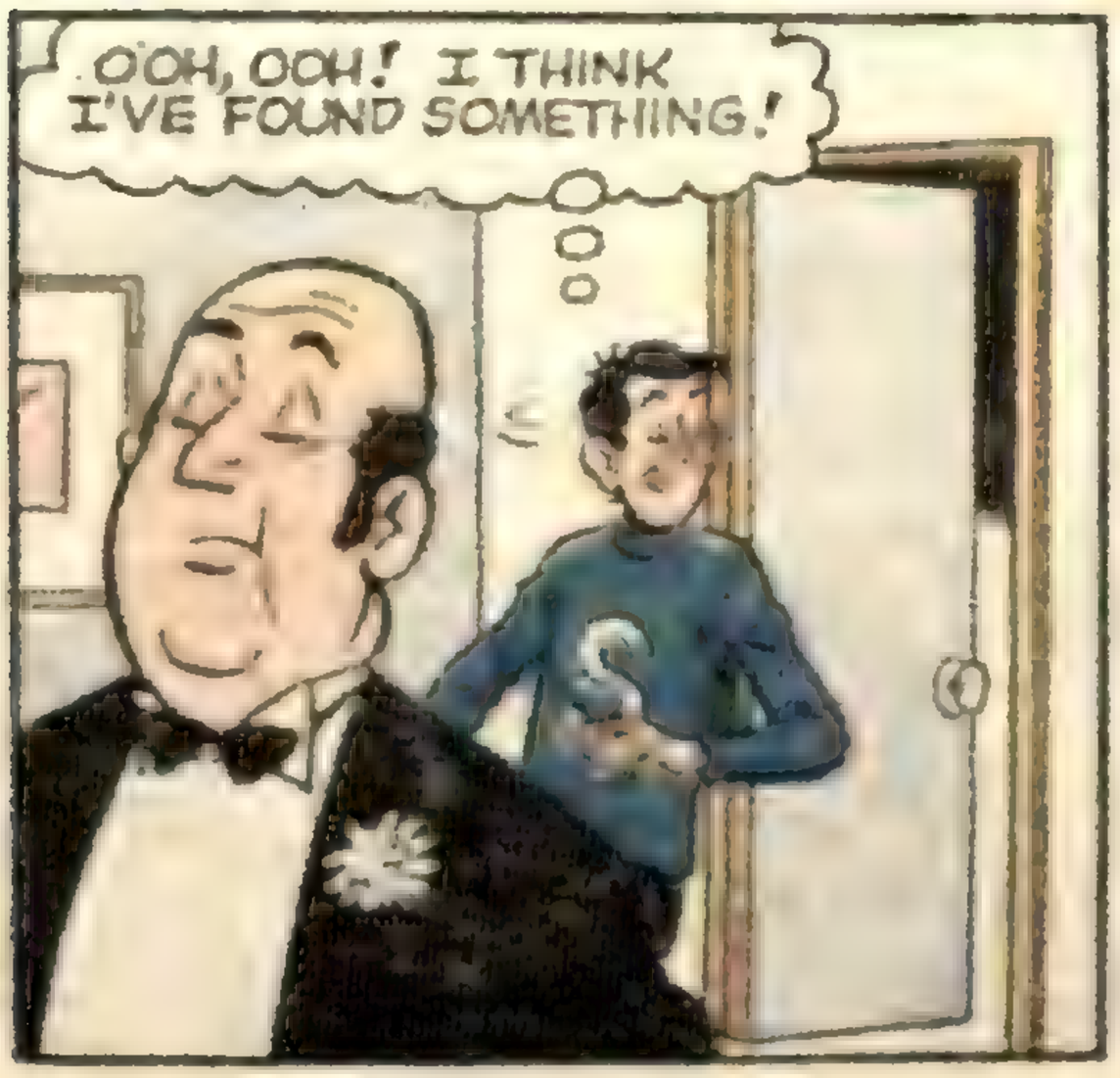

UH, OH! SOMEONE'S COMING! IT MUST BE THE BUTLER!

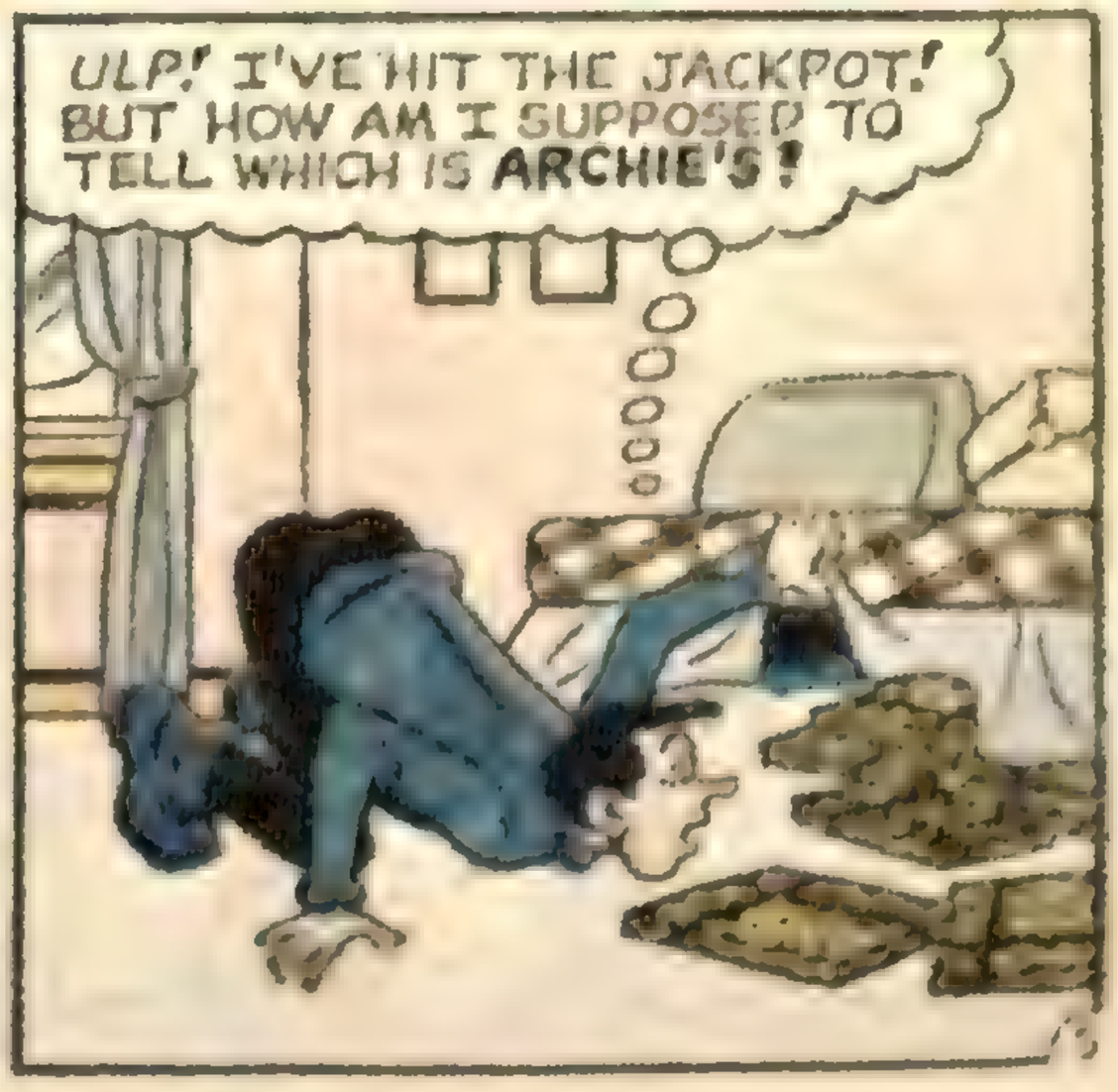
STRANGE! I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD NOISES IN HERE!

HEARING THINGS, I GUESS! A SIGN OF AGE!

I'M FULL OF STRANGE FEELINGS TODAY!

PERHAPS I NEED A VACATION!


OOH, OOH! I THINK I'VE FOUND SOMETHING!


ULP! I'VE HIT THE JACKPOT! BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL WHICH IS ARCHIE'S!

ER - COMING, ARCH? YOUR MOM WANTED YOU HOME BY THREE!

OH! OH, YEAH! SEE YOU LATER, CREAM PUFF!

F-FIVE OF THEM?

HOW WOULD I KNOW WHICH WAS **YOURS?**

WELL, I'LL GET MINE AND WE'LL HAVE TO RETURN THE REST!

THERE'S THAT "**WE**" AGAIN!

HEY!! **NONE** OF THESE IS MINE!

UH, OH! NOW YOU'RE IN **REAL** TROUBLE!

ER-YOU KNOW, I'M INCLINED TO THINK EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE **ALL RIGHT!**

THE END

Betty and Veronica

"DIS-MISSILE"

HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH OPERATION SECRET ARCHIE?

I'VE PAINTED SO MANY FIRE TRUCKS I'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THE RED!

CHUP

BESIDES FIXING UP CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR THE KIDS, MR WEATHERBEE HAS A NEW IDEA!

WHAT'S THAT?

THE POST OFFICE IS SENDING ALL THE SANTA CLAUS LETTERS OVER HERE!

THIS IS SANTA'S SUB-STATION!

THAT WAY WE'LL KNOW WHAT THE KIDS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS!

WITH ALL THE TOYS YOU BOYS FIXED UP, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FILL MOST OF THE ORDERS!

WELL, MISS GRUNDY! IT'S WORKING OUT FINE! THE STUDENTS HAVE REALLY GOT THE SPIRIT THIS YEAR!
GOOD!

BETTY AND VERONICA ARE HANDLING THE MAIL!
FINE CHOICE!

HERE'S ANOTHER CUTE ONE, RONNIE! THIS ONE WANTS A WAGON AND A BLONDE DOLL!
CHECK! I'M SURE WE CAN HANDLE THAT ONE!

AND HERE'S A...A...
OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!

DEAR SANTA. I WANNA BIG FUZZY DOG FOR MY VERY OWN!
SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? IT'S REAL CUTE!

IT'S SIGNED, ARCHIE!

HUMPH! REAL FUNNY! GUESS WHO WANTS SANTA TO BRING HIM A BIG TURKEY DINNER?

JUGHEAD?
WHO ELSE?

(GASP!) LISTEN TO THIS ONE!

DEAR SANTA! I DON'T WANT SKATES, A HORN, OR HARMONICA. JUST A GREAT BIG KISS FROM THE LIPS OF VERONICA!

REGGIE, OF COURSE!

WE OUGHT TO SHOW THESE TO MR. WEATHERBEE!

EVERYTHING'S A JOKE WITH THOSE NITWITS!

WAIT! I THINK I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THIS!

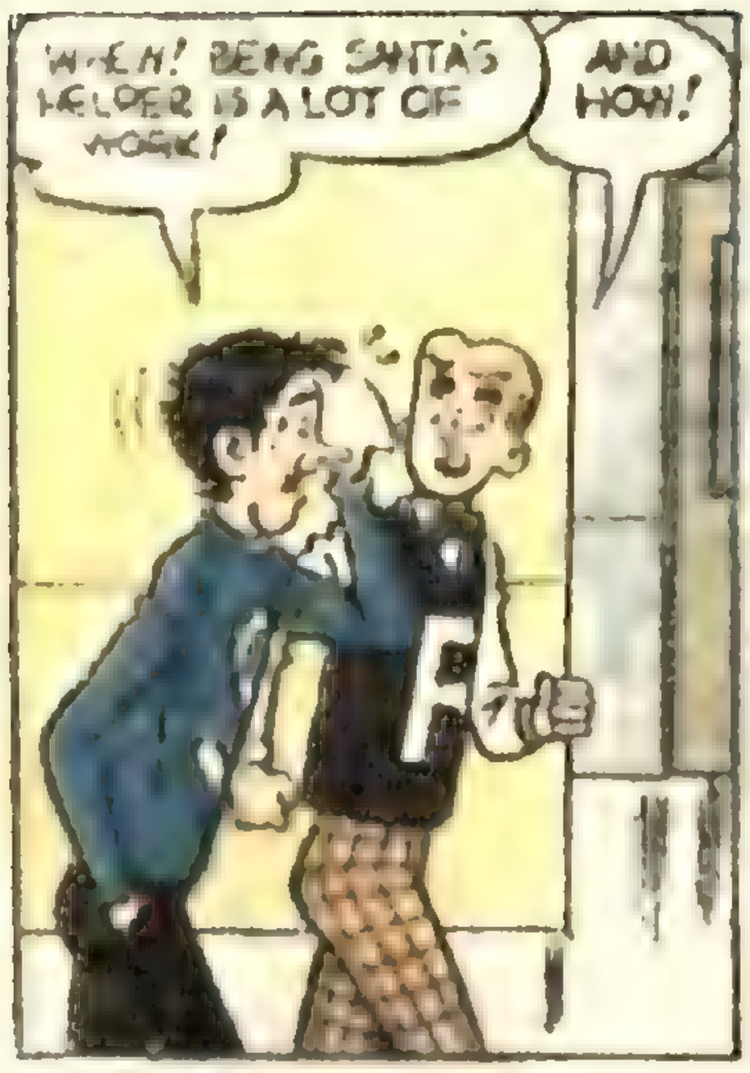
ELUCIDATE!

THIS IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON! WE'LL GIVE THEM WHAT THEY ASKED FOR!

WHAT?

JUST LIKE ANY FIVE YEAR OLD KID! WE'LL TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY!

OF COURSE! MAKE THEM FEEL FOOLISH!


W-E-N! BEING SANTA'S HELPER IS A LOT OF WORK!
AND HOW!

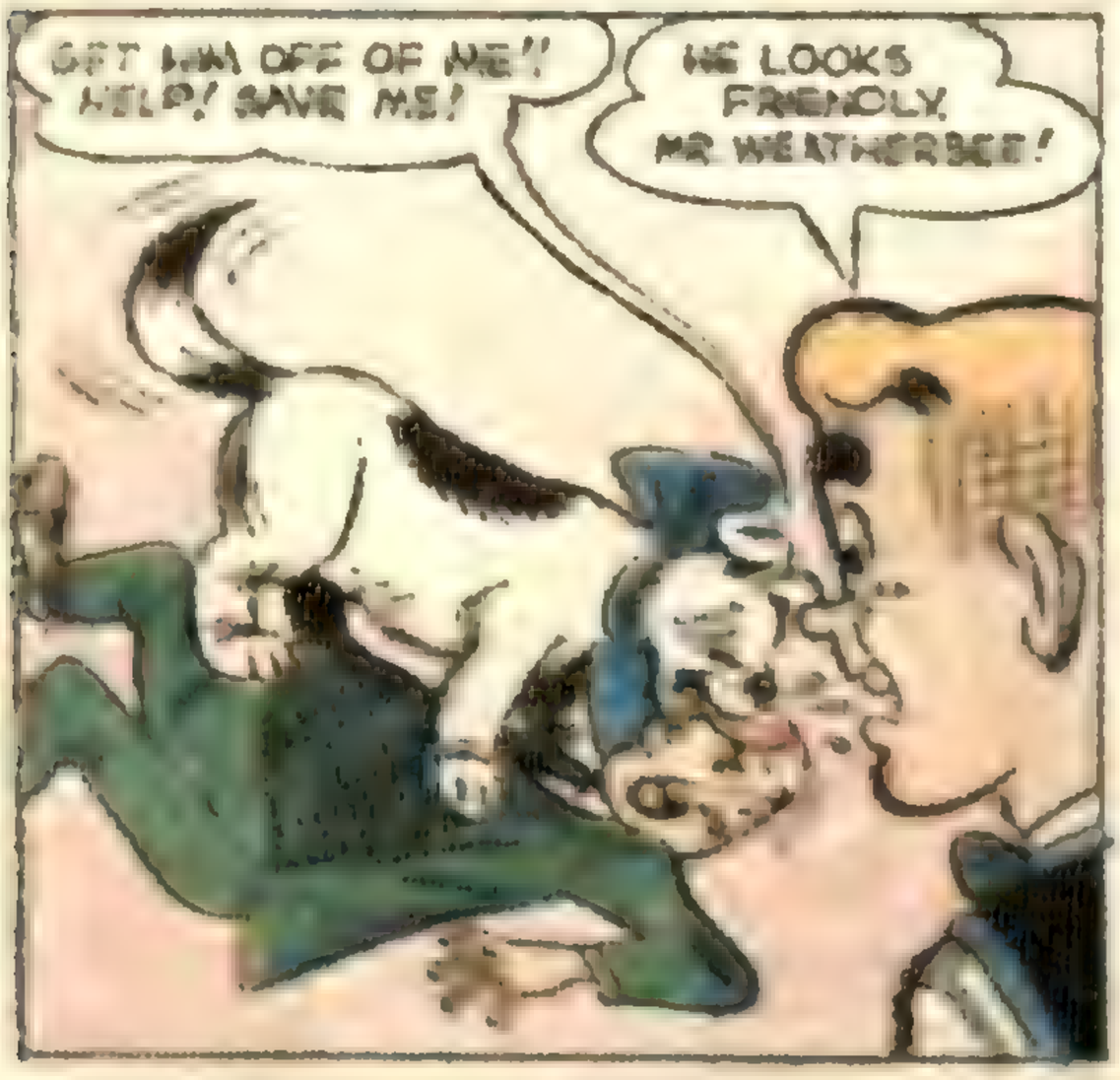
HEY! LOOK AT THIS!!
THERE'S A CARD ON IT!

TO JUGHEAD, FROM SANTA CLAUS?
HOLY COW! I WAS ONLY KIDDING!

WELL SOMEONE IS KIDDING YOU RIGHT BACK!
WHO CARES?

WHAT'S THIS?
I WROTE A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS, SIR. AND.....

WHOOPS!
ARF!


GET HIM OFF OF ME!! HELP! SAVE ME!
HE LOOKS FRIENDLY, MR WEATHERBEE!

WHAT'S THIS?
ER. I WROTE A LETTER T-TOO!
TO ARCHIE. FROM SANTA CLAUS?

WE'LL SETTLE THIS LATER!

AS SOON AS I CAN LOCATE THE SCHOOL PSYCHIATRIST!

OF ALL THE IDIOTIC, INFANTILE.....

WHOOPS!

SMMOOCH!

HARUMPH!

EEP! MR. WEATHERBEE!

I SUPPOSE THAT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS?

GOLLY! HOW DID YOU KNOW?

BETTY, I'M IN TROUBLE! MR. WEATHERBEE CAUGHT ME KISSING REGGIE!

GOLLY!

L-LET'S SNEAK UP AND S-SEE WHAT ACTION HE'S TAKING!

DEAR SANTA!

HMMMM?

OH GOSH! HE'S TAKING IT SERIOUSLY!

THEY'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE LITTLE BOYS AT HEART! BUT THIS IS **RIDICULOUS!**

B-BUT HE'S A GROWN MAN!

I WONDER IF THERE IS SUCH A THING!

GIRLS! HERE'S ANOTHER LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS!

THANK YOU, MISS GRUNDY!

THIS MUST BE THE ONE FROM MR. WEATHERBEE!

WHAT DOES HE WANT? A RED WAGON OR A COWBOY SUIT?

DEAR SANTA!
I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED THIS YEAR. BUT PLEASE BRING BETTY AND VERONICA A LITTLE BUSINESS THEY CAN CALL THEIR OWN.....

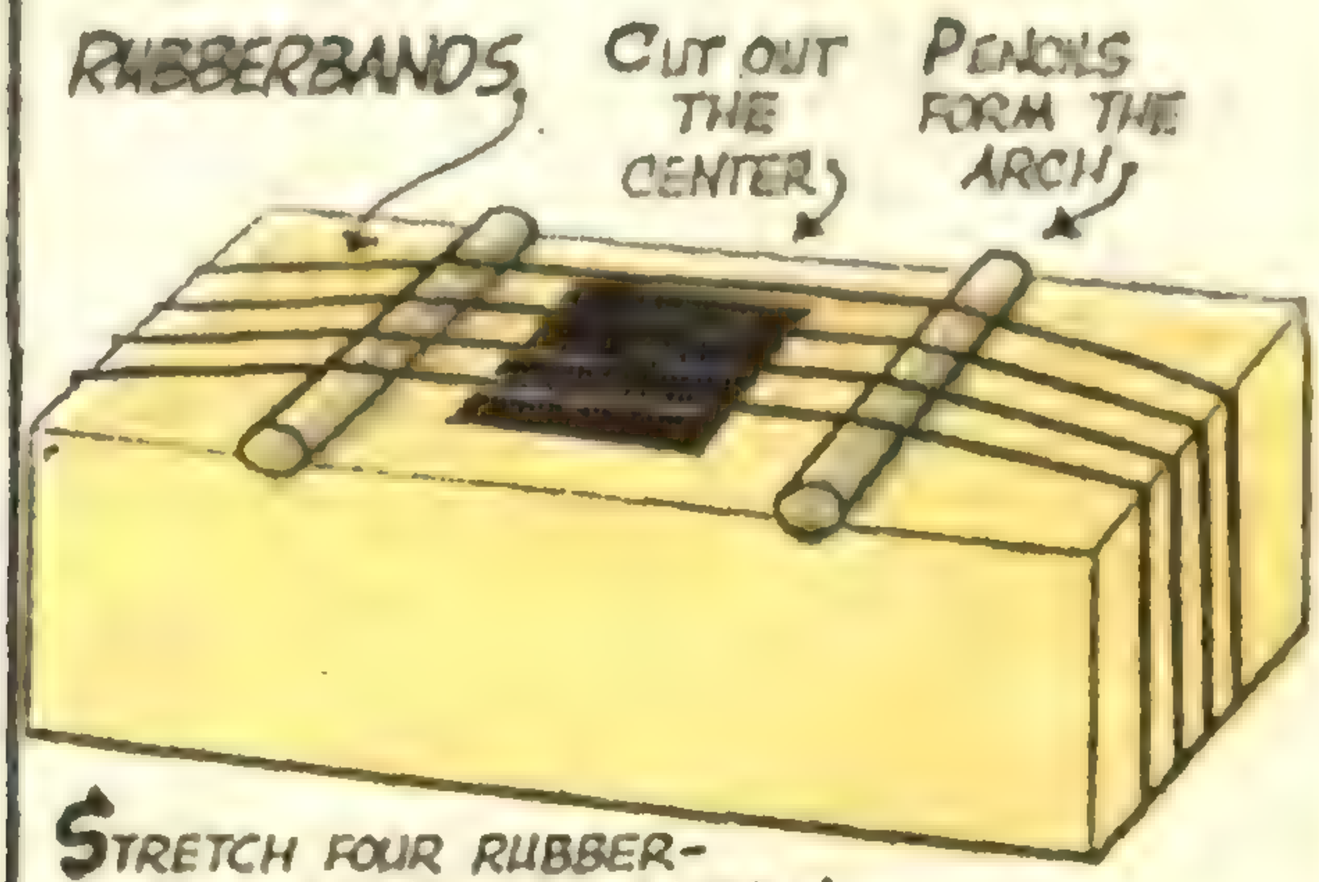
SO THEY CAN KEEP THEIR PRETTY LITTLE NOSES OUT OF **YOURS!**

SIGNED BY MR WEATHERBEE!

THE END

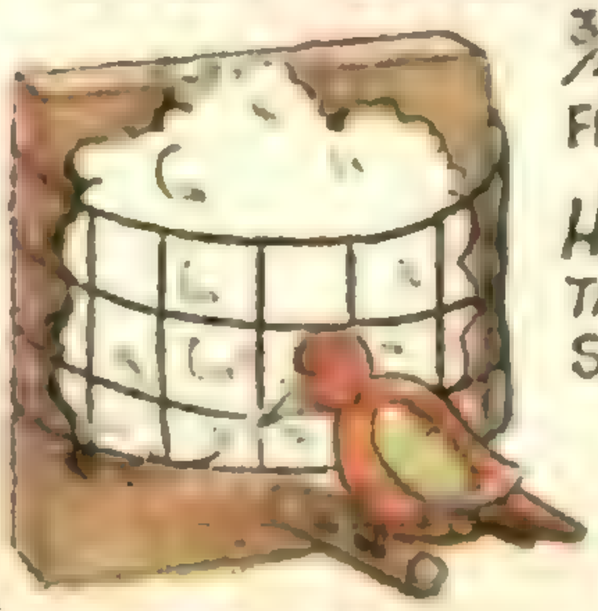
CHRISTMAS FUN

MAKE THIS GUITAR FROM A MILK CARTON!



STRETCH FOUR RUBBER-BANDS AROUND THE CARTON.
CUT FOUR NOTCHES IN EACH PENCIL TO PREVENT THE BANDS FROM SLIPPING.
STRUM OVER SOUND HOLE LIKE REAL GUITAR

SUET BIRD FEEDER



NAIL ON OUTSIDE OF YOUR WINDOW

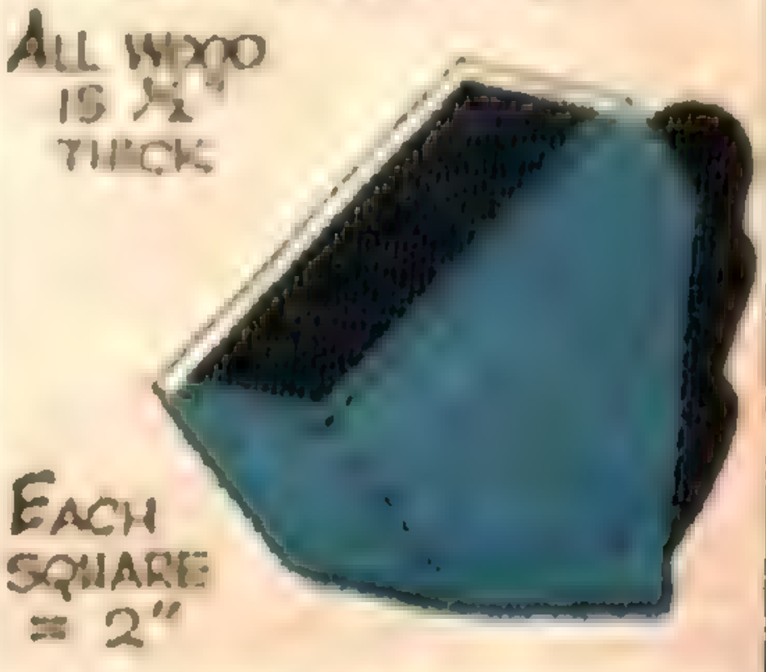
3/4" BLOCK OF WOOD FROM AN OLD CRATE

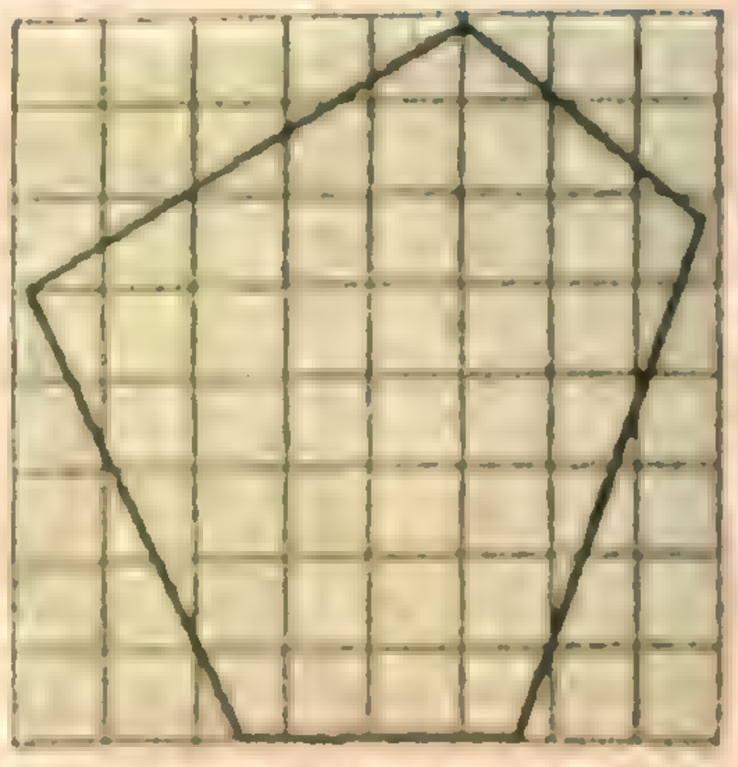
HARDWARE CLOTH TACKED ON BOTH SIDES AND BOTTOM.

BORE A SMALL HOLE IN THE BOTTOM AND INSERT A WOODEN DOWEL FOR PERCH.

SOME GROCERS WILL GIVE YOU SUET FREE WHEN THEY KNOW YOU'RE GIVING IT TO THE BIRDS.
ONCE YOU START, KEEP FILLING IT AS THE BIRDS WILL BE DEPENDING ON YOU.

MODERNISTIC WASTEBASKET





CUT OUT TWO PIECES LIKE THE ONE ABOVE FOR EACH SIDE.

FIT THE FRONT AND BACK TO THE SIDES.
ASSEMBLE WITH GLUE AND NAILS. SAND SMOOTH AND PAINT OR STAIN -

BEFORE USING, WAX THE INSIDE TO PREVENT DUST AND DIRT FROM CLINGING TO THE INSIDE.

ARCHIE SAYS—

INSTEAD OF STORING A CLOTH TAPE LOOSE, WRAP IT AROUND AN ADHESIVE TAPE SPOOL.
A SOLDERING IRON IS TERRIFIC FOR REPAIRING SMALL CRACKS IN PLASTIC TOYS.

MOOSE

IN

"BRAINY EXERCISE"

LOOK AT WHAT DADDY GAVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS!

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GREAT FOR TAKING OFF EXCESS FAT!

CAN I TRY IT, MIDGE?

SURE, MOOSE!

WHRRRR

MOOSE, WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?

TEACHER SAID I WAS A FATHEAD!

THE END

Archie IN 'WELL SUITED'

ARCHIE, YOU HAVE TO TALK DADDY INTO BEING SANTA CLAUS!

WOULDN'T THAT BE A TERRIBLE EXAMPLE OF MISCASTING?

SANTA CLAUS IS KIND AND GOOD AND CHEERFUL AND SWEET!

SO IS DADDY!

EXCEPT WHEN YOU'RE AROUND!

ARCH, WHY DO YOU GET YOURSELF INVOLVED IN THESE THINGS?

LOVE, JUGHEAD!

(SIGH)- I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU **LOVE** TROUBLE!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

SANTA CLAUS? YOU WANT **ME** TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS?

(GULP) YES, SIR!

BY GUM! I'D **LOVE** TO!! MAYBE THERE'S HOPE FOR YOU **YET**, ARCHIE!

IT'S REALLY FOR VERONICA, SIR! SHE LOVES A SANTA AT CHRISTMAS!

NOT ONLY AT CHRISTMAS!

I PLAY SANTA FOR THAT YOUNG LADY EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!

NOW, JUST SLIP ON THE COAT AND LET'S SEE HOW IT LOOKS!

YOU IDIOT! YOU'VE GOT ME TIED TO THE CHAIR!!

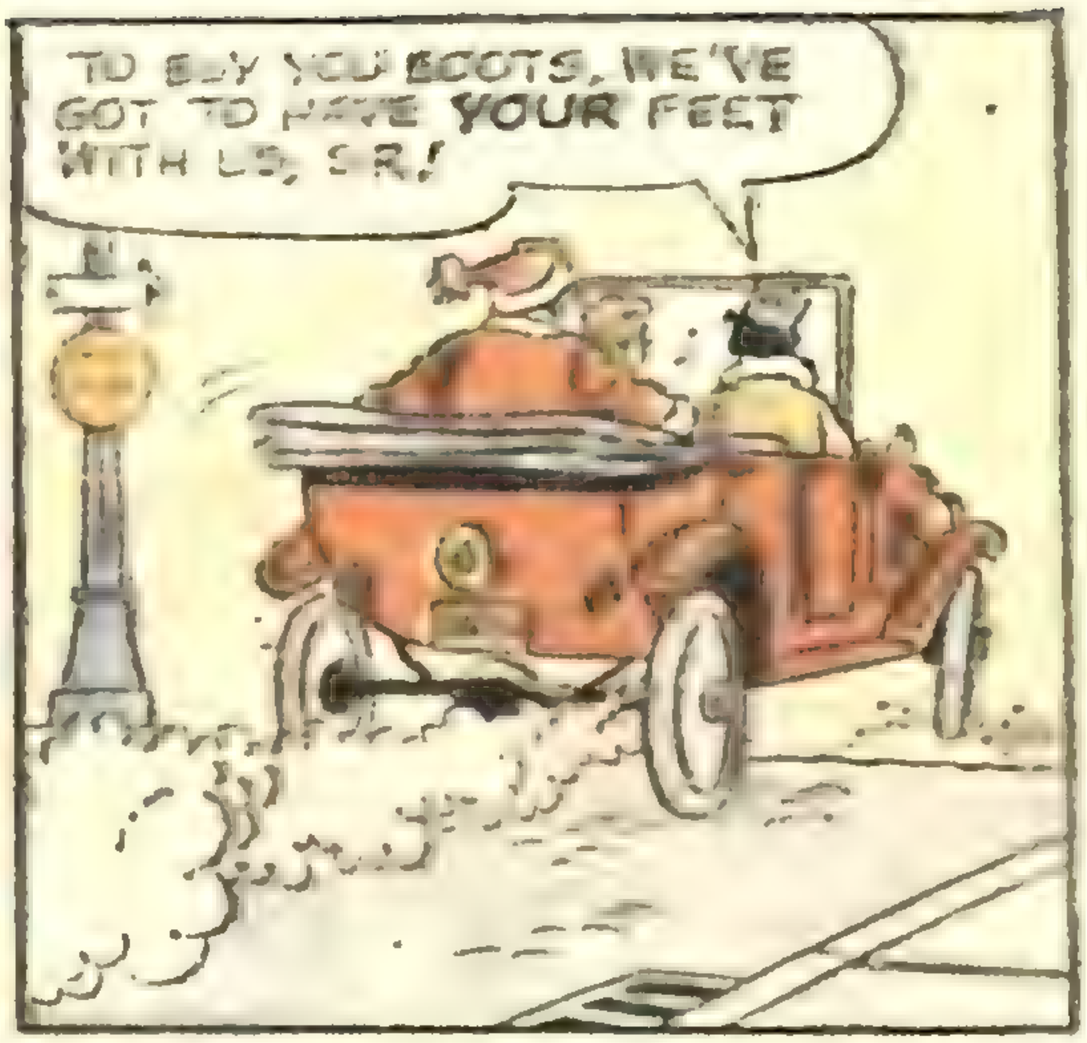
TSK! THAT'S NO WAY FOR SANTA CLAUS TO TALK!

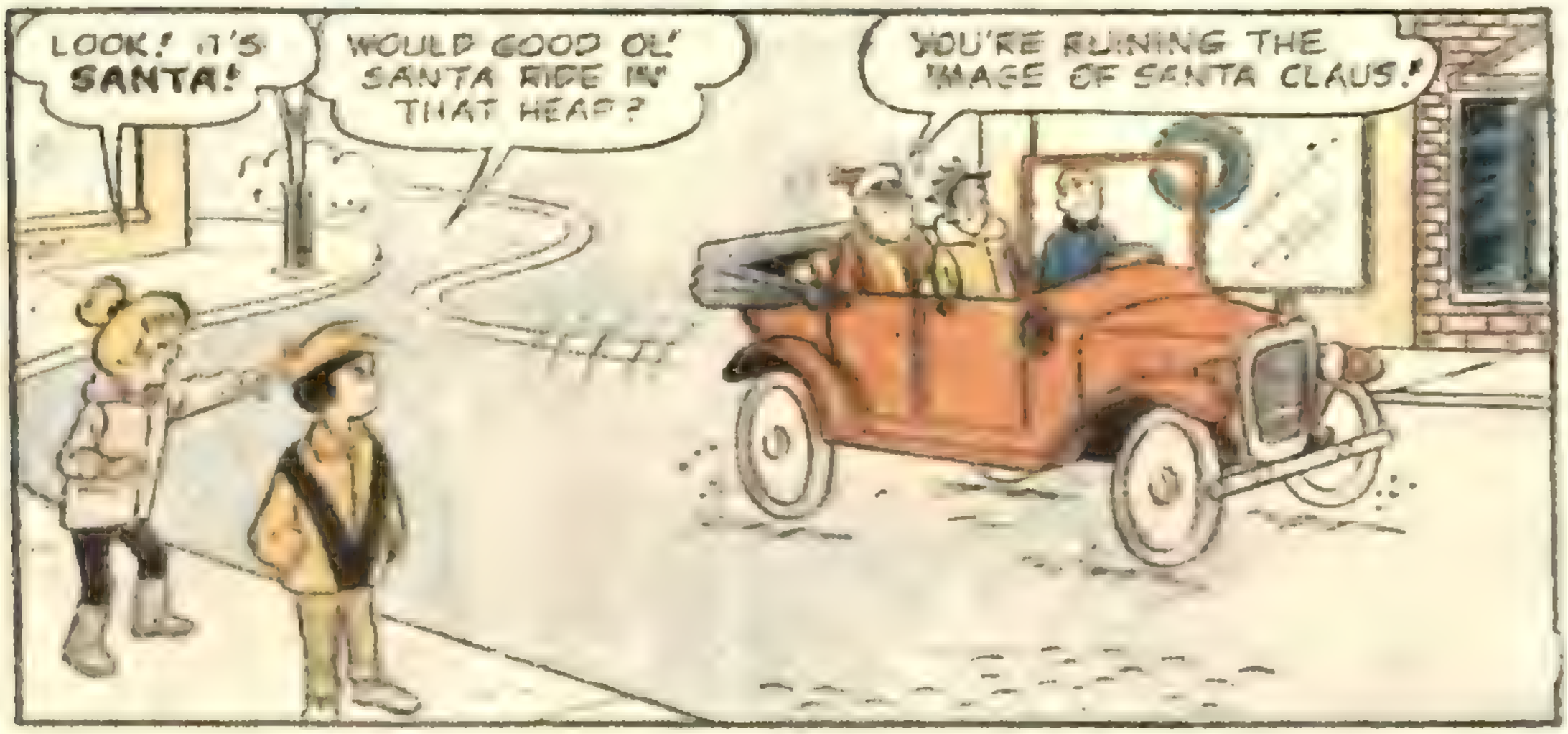
BOOTS! FOR GOSH SAKES! THERE ARE NO **BOOTS** WITH THIS COSTUME!!

WE'VE **GOT** TO HAVE **BOOTS!**

COME ON! WE'LL GO DOWNTOWN AND **BUY** A PAIR!

WAIT! I CAN'T GO OUT IN THIS OUTFIT!!


TO BUY YOU BOOTS, WE'VE GOT TO HAVE YOUR FEET WITH US, SIR!


LOOK! IT'S SANTA!
WOULD GOOD OL' SANTA RIDE IN THAT HEAP?
YOU'RE RUINING THE IMAGE OF SANTA CLAUS!

HERE WE ARE, MR. LOUIE. WE'LL HAVE YOU SHOD IN A MINUTE!
I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU SHOT!
SHOES

I SAID "SHOD!" I MEANT WE'LL HAVE YOU BOOTED IN A JIFFY!
HAH! HE WHO BOOTS LAST BOOTS BEST!

AH! SOMETHING IN A NICE REINDEER LEATHER PERHAPS?

I'M SURROUNDED BY COMEDIANS!

A PAIR OF BLACK BOOTS AND NO MORE CONVERSATION!

AREN'T YOU EVEN GOING TO ASK WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

ARCH! THERE'S A POLICEMAN COMING ALONG AND WE'RE IN A NO PARKING ZONE!

OOPS!

SHOES

WE'LL BE BACK, SIR! WE HAVE TO MOVE THE CAR!

MAN! DON'T THEY ALLOW PARKING **ANYWHERE** DOWNTOWN?

WE'RE GETTING PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM THE SHOE STORE!

NO PARKING

THAT'S ALL WE NEEDED! A FLAT TIRE!

BANG!

WOW! IT TOOK US A LONG TIME TO FIX THAT!

MR. LODGE MUST BE THROUGH BY NOW!

HE'LL KILL US FOR LEAVING HIM STRANDED DOWNTOWN IN A SANTA CLAUS COSTUME!

OBOY! LOOK AT THAT CROWD!! IT MUST BE MR. LODGE!

THOSE KIDS WILL TEAR HIM APART!

WE'RE HERE! WE'LL RESCUE YOU, SIR!

HEY! YOU BIG GUYS WAIT YOUR TURN!

I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T **PLAN** IT THIS WAY!

OF **COURSE** YOU DIDN'T, ARCHIE! DID ANYTHING **YOU** PLANNED EVER BRING ME THIS MUCH PLEASURE?

The END

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